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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Thursday

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

Sam Piercy to perform Thursday

Come and listen to a variety of classical piano music, performed by Sam Piercy. The event starts at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St.

Wabash Marketplace announces February First Friday details

Wabash Marketplace encourages the community to celebrate First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 in downtown Wabash.

United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs

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Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer, Second Lady Karen Pence, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and Denise Pence (left to right) walk to greet a crowd of more than 60 Trump supporters at the Indiana Statehouse before filing to place President Donald Trump on the ballot in Indiana.

Not Guilty: Split Senate acquits Trump of impeachment

Meanwhile, at Statehouse, Karen Pence places Trump's name on the ballot

By **ROB BURGESS**
and **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
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President Donald Trump won impeachment acquittal Wednesday in the U.S. Senate, bringing to a close only the third presidential trial in American history with votes that split the country, tested civic norms and fed the tumultuous 2020 race for the White House.

A majority of senators expressed unease with Trump's pressure campaign on Ukraine that resulted in the two articles of impeachment. But the final tallies — 52-48 favoring acquittal of abuse of power, 53-47 of obstruction of Congress' investigation — fell far short. Two-thirds "guilty" votes would have been needed to reach the Constitution's bar of high crimes and misdemeanors to convict and remove Trump from office.

What started as Trump's request for Ukraine to "do us a favor" spun into a far-reaching, 28,000-page report compiled by House investigators accusing an American president of engaging in shadow diplomacy that threatened U.S. foreign relations for personal, political gain as he pressured the ally to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden ahead of the next election.



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Pence boasted in 7 minutes of remarks about national economic growth, the low unemployment rate and new foreign trade deals under Trump, saying "we are getting things done."

Indiana leaders explain their positions

The outcome Wednesday followed months of remarkable impeachment proceedings, from Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House to Mitch McConnell's Senate, reflecting the nation's unrelenting partisan divide three years into the Trump presidency. "Now that President Trump has been acquitted by the Senate, the country can finally move past this divisive impeachment charade," stated Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, in response to a Plain Dealer request. "Speaker Pelosi's failed attempt to have the president removed from office and the ballot was driven by the worst kind of partisan politics, and the American people deserved better. Now it's time for Congress to focus on the optimistic agenda President Trump laid out in his State of the Union Address. I look forward to continuing our work to make

our country stronger, safer, and more prosperous, and to make sure working families have a chance to achieve the American Dream."

No president has ever been removed by the Senate.

In a Monday statement, Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, explained his acquittal votes.

"As a United States Senator, I swore an oath to uphold the Constitution and serve as an impartial juror. After hearing all counsel arguments and reviewing all evidence in the record, including 17 witnesses, 192 witness video clips, and 28,578 pages of evidence, procedural rules, and Constitutional concerns, I will vote to acquit the President," he stated. "I have worked to remain impartial and open-minded throughout this trial, but it must be acknowledged that a political fever permeated this process from the beginning — dating back not just to the start of the House of

Representatives' impeachment efforts, but back to November 2016. The House's rushed impeachment process denied the President due process, and House Managers failed to meet their heavy burden of proof to remove a president from office and future ballots. During President Nixon's impeachment, then-Democratic Chairman Peter Rodino of the House Judiciary Committee urged that for the American people to accept an impeachment, it must be powerfully bipartisan. This has been dubbed the Rodino rule, and I embrace the standard. This week, Americans begin the presidential election process. It's time for the Senate to resume its legislative work on behalf of the American people, and to allow the voters to register their opinions about this administration in the coming election. The Founding Fathers, who warned of the

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Skip the paper, file electronically to get your refund faster

DOR: It also increases accuracy and security

By **STAFF REPORT**

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) is encouraging individual filers to go digital in 2020, according to a press release.

"It's a new decade, so why use pen and paper to file an individual tax return when filing electronically is so much easier," stated the release. "One of the main benefits of filing electronically, refunds are issued five times faster

than paper filed returns. Additionally, opting for direct deposit may further decrease the time it takes to get a refund by an additional week or more."

Additional benefits of filing electronically include:

■ **Filing confirmation:** Individuals receive a confirmation when their tax return is accepted by both DOR and the Internal Revenue Service.

■ **Increased accuracy:** Filing using electronic software decreases the number of errors from 20 percent to just 2 percent.

■ **Security:** Filing online is more secure.

■ **Time saved:** Filing electronically

saves a trip to the post office and the time to find and download paper forms.

Some individuals may even qualify to file their taxes electronically for free using the INfreefile program.

If an individual's adjusted gross income was less than \$69,000 in 2019, they may qualify for this no-cost filing option.

To learn more about INfreefile, visit freefile.dor.in.gov.

For more information on electronic filing and filing tips, visit DOR's website at dor.in.gov or call DOR Customer Service at 317-232-2240, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Snow, ice make travel hazardous Thursday

NWS issues Winter Weather Advisory through 10 a.m.

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An estimated 2 to 4 inches of snow is expected to fall before Thursday morning, resulting in potentially hazardous driving conditions, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) Northern Indiana.

In a phone interview Wednesday, Nathan Marsili, NWS Northern Indiana meteorologist, said the snow would "move in pretty quickly this evening."

"We are going to see temps falling into mid 20s," he said. "We're expecting hazardous travel tonight. (There will be) slick roads

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Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

First-time competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29

By **ANNE GREGORY**

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University.

At the invitational, high school players from across the Midwest will compete in a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament for scholarships and bragging rights.

The top four players will each be eligible for a \$3,000 eSports scholarship award to attend Manchester — that's in addition to any other financial aid for which the students would otherwise qualify.

The top four high school players will also compete in a final match against the Manchester University eSports team.

Coaches are encouraged to bring their entire teams, but players will square off for individual competition. All participants will be treated to lunch and receive a Manchester eSports swag bag.

Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center.

For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>

Manchester is in the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE) and it began varsity-level competition in "League of Legends" and "Rocket League" this month. Team members represent Manchester, compete against other schools and can win prizes and scholarships in multiplayer online gaming.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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are available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it's gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

Experience 120 years of local agricultural history

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting John Hartsough at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Assembly Room of Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. There is no charge for attendance.

Wabash River water quality meeting planned

The project focused on assessing, protecting and improving water quality; engaging individuals interested in the Wabash River drainage; and developing a step-wise plan for the Wabash River drainage will host its final public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Sara Peel at wabashriverdefenders@gmail.com or Jen Rankin at jrankin@slashthetrash.com.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Museum announces History Hunters program

The first event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. Amanda Rumba, a member of the Indiana Humanities speakers' bureau, will present her original program, "Historic Hoosier Communities: Change and Consistency."

Woman's Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Blanket Binders event scheduled

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Use your love of quilting to help others and enjoy the fellowship of other sewers. The quilts are given to local people in need. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Experience 'President Lincoln' on his birthday

Celebrate President Lincoln's

birthday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Murray Cox as President Abraham Lincoln. Pre-registration is required if staying for lunch with President Lincoln. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Monday, Feb. 10. The cost for lunch is \$4.50 for those 60 years of age and under; over 60 by donation.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj.

Celebrate February birthdays February's Birthday Party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Ellen Mock, vocalist, and Peggy Coppler, pianist. Ice cream and homemade cake will be served. Sign up today for a fun-filled celebration.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at https://wabashinspotter.eventzilla.net. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Valentine potluck lunch scheduled

Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine's Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine's Day dinner for 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs set for 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. For those who can't attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with "Riley" in the memo line.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

'Ask a Teenager Tech Basics

class scheduled "Ask a Teenager" Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond Str. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.






Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale





The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Snow Likely 28 / 20	 Friday Scattered Snow 31 / 23	 Saturday Mostly Cloudy 30 / 21	 Sunday Mostly Cloudy 33 / 23	 Monday Cloudy 37 / 29
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:11 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:52 a.m.

 Full 2/9	 Last 2/15	 New 2/23	 First 3/2
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of snow, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 93%. North wind 7 to 10 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 20°. East wind 7 mph.

It's OK to use social media sparingly

DEAR HARRIETTE: I swore off social media about a year ago because I found it to be a distraction, and I really needed to get some work done. I gave myself a year, and now that I am there, I don't know if I want to go back. I like being disengaged from the chatter, much of which doesn't seem real. At the same time, I have a new project I'm working on, and social media can be very helpful in getting the word out. Any recommendations for how to balance if I go back in? – Off Social Media

Harriette Cole Sense & Sensitivity



er this year, because the chances were likely that I would get it. When I told my husband about this, he was outraged. He thinks doctors are just trying to pump people up with vaccinations. He thinks it's ridiculous that I would take that approach. I'm not exaggerating. I actually do get sick very easily. I think I should follow my doctor's advice. How can I get my husband to understand? I worry that if I ever do get very ill, he won't respond in the way that my doctor recommends. – Health Advocate

DEAR HEALTH ADVOCATE: You must take care of yourself. Following your doctor's directions is smart. You can also continue to educate your hus-

band about your unique health concerns. Meanwhile, you may want to identify someone else in your life who would be willing to serve as your advocate if you ever need someone to be by your side speaking for you in an emergency situation. If your husband is not in alignment with you about your health challenges, he probably cannot adequately support you if you ever do have a health crisis or emergency.

Harriette Cole is a stylist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 31- Thursday, February 6

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

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Gretel and Hansel (PG13) Fri: 6:40, 9:10 Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10 Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	Bad Boys for Life (R) Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	

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Mary Lou Cartwright

Oct. 14, 1928 – Feb. 4, 2020

Mary Lou Cartwright, 91, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of rural Andrews, Indiana, died at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw. She was born Oct. 14, 1928 in Henry County, Indiana to Robert “Glenn” and Bernetha (Houser) Holcomb.

Mary Lou was a 1946 graduate Mooreland High School. She married Eugene Allen “Gene” Cartwright at the Buck Creek Church of the Brethren in Henry County on Nov. 23, 1950; he died Jan. 25, 2018. She was a member of St. Paul’s County Line Church. Mary Lou enjoyed gardening, flowers, reading, and doing crafts. She especially loved her grandchildren, and baking for them.

She is survived by four children, Rebecca (Mike Clay) Garrett of Warsaw, David (TC Hull) Cartwright of Marion, Indiana, Linda Grossman of LaFontaine, Indiana, and Andrew Cartwright of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Chris (Lora) Cartwright and AJ (Angie) Cartwright, both of Andrews, Seth (Tiffany) Cartwright of Anderson, Indiana, Jordan (Brittani) Dotson and MacKenzie Garrett, both of Warsaw, Jessica Grossman of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Sharon Grossman of Wabash, seven great grandchildren,



three sisters, Helen Gossage of Cleveland, Ohio, Norma Crandel, Dorothy Pope, and brother, Larry (Linda) Holcomb, all of New Castle, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at St. Paul’s County Line Church, 3995 N. 1000 W., Andrews, with Pastor Conrad Thompson officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul’s County Line Cemetery, Andrews. Friends may call 12:30 – 2 p.m. Friday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is St. Paul’s County Line Church.

The memorial guest book for Mary Lou may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Constance Ann (Shick) Squires

May 23, 1938 – Jan. 31, 2020

Funeral Services for Constance “Connie” Squires, 81, formerly of rural Wabash, were 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Wabash. Rev. Jonathan Cornell officiated. Rick Elliott was the pianist and Susie Jones was the

vocalist. Connie’s daughter Beth Squires gave the eulogy. Pallbearers were Jack Stein, Matthew Stein, Dustin Echard, Treg Beer, Jeff Beer, Michael Squires, and Graham Butcher. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Terry L. Johnson

Terry L. Johnson, 68, North Manchester, Indiana passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2020.

Terry L. Johnson is survived by his mother Leanna M. Johnson; wife Pam Johnson; son Shawn (Nikki) Johnson; daughter Patricia (Derrick) Avery; brother Randall “Randy” Johnson; five grandchildren; three step-grand-

children; and seven great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may call Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. with calling one-hour prior at McKee Mortuary.

Shanda Michelle Spacy

Shanda Michelle Spacy, 28, Warsaw, passed away on Feb. 1, 2020 in Silver Lake. Shanda was born to Michael G. and Tammy (Lester) Spacy.

Shanda Spacy is survived by her son, Tallin Spacy; mother, Tammy Spacy; stepfather, Brian Cunningham; sisters, Nicole (Michael) DeVore and Jessica (Joshua) Harper; stepsisters, Fawn (Chris) Glover

and Amber (Chris) Hollie; nieces Sarah, Liberty and Addalynn; nephews, Landon, Logan, Lucias, Eben, Aiden, Addler and Bryson.

Calling Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Dale Alan Barlow

Feb. 14, 1959 – Feb. 3, 2020

Dale Alan Barlow, 60, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:36 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born Feb. 14, 1959 in Wabash, to George Alvin and Shirley Mae (Hentgen) Barlow.

Dale was a graduate of Northfield High School and Heartland Career Center. He worked as a custodian and bus driver for Wabash City Schools, and had also worked several years at C.M.I. in Wabash. He was a member of the Wabash Alliance Church, where he enjoyed spending time with the youth. He also enjoyed going to Disney, woodworking, cars, boating, and spending time with and doting on his grandchildren. He was an avid supporter of Wabash High School sports.

He is survived by four sons, Kyle (Leah) Barlow of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Jimmy Barlow, Johnny Barlow, and Tony (Charity) Hough, all of Wabash, six grandchildren, Knox Barlow, Baylor Barlow, and Henley Barlow, all of Hendersonville, Ashton Barlow and Tony Hough, both of Wabash, and Tyler (Jessica) Hough of Bunker Hill, Indiana, brother, Gary (Jane) Barlow of Wabash, nephews and nieces, Nathan (Shani) Barlow of Greenwood, Arkansas, Krista (Jay) Price of Huntertown, Indiana,



Kaila Barlow of Wabash, and Kevan (Tiasia) Barlow of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at Wabash Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass Street, Wabash, with Rev. Nathan Barlow and Pastor Todd Render officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 – 8 p.m. Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Preferred memorial is Wabash High School Athletic Department.

The memorial guest book for Dale may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Louis ‘Wayne’ Draper

April 2, 1928 – Feb. 5, 2020

Louis “Wayne” Draper, 91, of Warren, Indiana, formerly of rural LaFontaine, Indiana died at 3:25 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. He was born April 2, 1928 in Wabash County, Indiana to Fernando and Bessie (Stambaugh) Draper.

Wayne was a 1946 graduate of Somerset High School and was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Betty “Joann” Bender in Wabash on Feb. 13, 1951. Wayne retired from General Tire in Marion after 23 years, but farming was his passion and he farmed for 66 years. He was a member of the LaFontaine Christian Church, and enjoyed playing cards, gardening, camping, and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Betty “Joann” Draper of Warren, three children, Mark (Lori) Draper of Wabash, Cheryl Draper of Kirkwood, Missouri, and Scott Draper of Wabash, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brad Wright officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Family and friends may call 4 – 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Alzheimer’s Association.

The memorial guest book for Wayne may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Andrew Draper of Rochester, Indiana, and Sofia Draper of Louisville, Kentucky, 6 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Lois Chain of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ruth Templin of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents.

PENDING SERVICES

Cheryl Steele: 61, of Wabash, Indiana died at 10:03 am Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is survived by her husband Richard. Services are pending at Grand-

staff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Sierra S. Curtis: 60, passed away on Feb. 5, 2020. Funeral services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

Boat company closing Iowa plant; work going to Indiana plant

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP)

— A pontoon boat company plans to close its Iowa plant and move production to an Indiana location, officials said.

About 45 employees will lose their jobs at the Misty Harbor plant in Fort Dodge, The Messenger reported.

Jeff Miller, the president of Misty Harbor, said the work done in Fort Dodge will be moved to the Bristol, Indiana, plant to “optimize operational efficiency and reduce

logistic costs.”

The Fort Dodge operations will “wind down over the next two to three months,” Miller said. The exact closing date wasn’t announced.

“Over the coming weeks and months, we will work with Iowa Workforce Development to mitigate the impact of this closure on employees,” Miller said.

Misty Harbor was founded in Humboldt, Iowa, in 1989. It moved to Fort Dodge in 1993.

Indiana lawmaker facing felony charge drops reelection bid

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A state legislator from Indianapolis facing charges of threatening police officers who stopped him on suspicion of drunken driving is dropping his reelection bid.

Democratic Rep. Dan Forestal said in a statement Tuesday the decision was one of the hardest in his life but that he needed to focus on his mental health rather than continue in the legislative seat he first won in 2012.

Forestal was arrested in August after police were

called about a man claiming he was a police officer. Forestal faces a low-level felony count of impersonating an officer and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and drunken driving. Forestal threatened to “have” all of the officers’ badges, according to a police report.

A special prosecutor is handling the case as Forestal’s uncle is Marion County Sheriff Kerry Forestal. He’s been allowed to remain in the Legislature since he hasn’t been convicted of a felony.

NE Indiana plumbing and building materials plant to close

FORT WAYNE (AP) — A plumbing and building materials manufacturer is closing its Fort Wayne plant, costing 116 northeastern Indiana workers their jobs.

Davison, Michigan-based Genova Products Inc. said it will cease operations on or before Feb. 10 at the plant, according to a required notice sent last week to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry.

That Jan. 28 notice states that the company expects the closure to be permanent and that it will lead to the end of all of the plant’s operations and the “termina-

tion of all employees,” The Journal Gazette reported.

Genova Products’ letter states that it had faced “various economic challenges” over the past several months and that the company’s lender called its loan and denied additional funding.

The company bills itself on its website as one of the world’s largest makers of “vinyl plumbing, producing whole-house plumbing pipe and fittings from the well or water line to the sewer or septic system.”

Genova’s product line-up also includes gutters, fencing, railing and deck flooring.

Tiny indigenous land highlights Brazil’s environmental woes

By MAURICIO SAVARESE
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Their bodies painted black, dozens of members the Brazil’s Guaraní Mbya tribe lift their hands and sing a mourning song for hundreds of felled trees beside their village. They weep, chant and perform funeral rites for a lost patch of forest on the edge of Latin America’s biggest city.

People in the tribe rushed to the site, at the base of Sao Paulo’s Jaraguá Peak, as soon as they heard chainsaws toppling trees on Jan. 30. Some wore feathered headdresses and held arrows in clenched fists. The display alarmed construction company employees, who called the po-

lice and sought refuge in a shack nearby.

“Two employees of the company came in December to tell us not to be scared about the chainsaws,” tribal leader David Fernandes told The Associated Press. “There’s no city here. There’s just forest. How can the authorities give a license to build here? There has been no dialogue. It is our right to have a say about what impacts us.”

Tree-cutting has been suspended, at least temporarily. But workers still hope to get back to building five high-rise apartment blocks for low-income residents. Sao Paulo’s city hall said it had awarded licenses to build there. They were given by officials work-

ing for Mayor Bruno Covas, who is up for reelection this year and had been considered friendly to environmentalists.

Until the 1950s, the tribe wandered in the Jaraguá region, an area of Atlantic forest. Decades later, the village they settled in was recognized by the Brazil government but also encroached upon by the sprawling metropolis. The tension between a builder with projects in nine Brazilian states and a 40-family indigenous community – the smallest by area in all Brazil at 4.2 acres – is a microcosm of what’s playing out elsewhere in the country.

Farther afield, particularly in Brazil’s Amazon, indigenous groups face growing pressure from business in-

terests including loggers, miners, farmers and cattle ranchers. The developers have found a steadfast advocate in President Jair Bolsonaro, who has often said indigenous people and their land cannot be a hindrance to development and national sovereignty.

Brazil’s president has no say in awarding the constructor the permits to build near Guaraní Mbya land. But tribal leaders argue the federal indigenous affairs agency did not consult them on potential impacts, as required by law, which would halt the licensing process. They also said no one from the agency, known as Funai, supported them after they informed about the construction.

Funai officials visited the site on Tuesday. In a statement the agency said the cutting of trees was suspended for 20 days following an agreement between indigenous leaders and the construction company. It did not comment on whether it had consulted the indigenous residents before tree-felling began.

Earlier, builder Tenda said it had carried out all required procedures to begin the housing project and felled only “isolated trees.” Following repeated requests from the AP, Tenda didn’t make any one available for an interview.

Tribal leaders are concerned that the roughly 500 trees felled over the past week is just the start, and that more trees will be

cut. The indigenous group worries that amount of deforestation could dry up a spring that’s important for local fishing.

The Guaraní Mbya officially gained claim to their land, an area smaller than two soccer pitches beside Sao Paulo’s tallest hill, in 1987. While Tenda isn’t building on the indigenous territory, Sao Paulo city councilman Gilberto Natalini says granting permission to build near the tribe and in a forested region still is a “disgrace” and a sign of greed.

“In Brazil, the order now is destroy in order to make money,” Natalini said, walking amidst fallen trunks. “It’s a very bad moment for our environment.”

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

I will winnow them with a winnowing fork at the city gates of the land. I will bring bereavement and destruction on my people, for they have not changed their ways.

Jeremiah 15:7

Kill the tradition: N.H. and Iowa should not vote first

A hundred years ago, New Hampshire blazed a trail as the first among 20 states to hold a 1920 presidential primary election. It is a tradition that has endured for the century since, and will repeat on Feb. 11 – a fact owed not just to custom, but to the state’s leaders and voters clinging to their power to shape elections, and thus, the nation. In Iowa, where chaos has ensued since Monday night’s caucus results have been called into question, leaders have been just as reluctant to relinquish their decades-long disproportionate influence over the country’s presidential elections as the first-in-the-nation caucuses.

The first-in-the-nation primary in New Hampshire has also, frankly, been a source of influence for the Globe, a way for this editorial board to play kingmaker alongside New Hampshire voters. But this year, we are holding our endorsement of a Democratic presidential candidate until after the New Hampshire primary. Sometimes, it’s more important to stand up for what’s right than what’s in one’s own interests: More important than wielding our influence on a single small state’s primary, we believe, is to call for the end of an antiquated system that gives outsized influence in choosing presidents to two states that, demographically, more resemble 19th-century America than they do the America of today.

Take, for starters, that only 1.7 percent of New Hampshire’s population is Black, in a country where Blacks make up 12 percent of the population. Or consider that the nation’s percentage of Latinos is triple that of New Hampshire’s, at only 6.1 percent. New Hampshire also has the second oldest population in the country, and a relatively small fraction of people in their 20s and 30s, whose future will be determined by presidential policies of today on a range

of issues, from climate change to the deficit. Iowa fares no better on most of those scores; like New Hampshire, it has a population that is about 90 percent white in a country that is 60 percent white. Both Iowa and New Hampshire have a higher proportion of homeowners than the national average, which means that, in addition to privileging the concerns of the whiter, older segments of the US population and the policy interests of, for example, Iowa corn farmers who want ethanol subsidies, the early voting in these states probably discounts the perspectives of those who rent rather than those who have secure housing.

Lest this influence seem hypothetical, consider that no president in 40 years except Bill Clinton has won his party’s nomination without first winning Iowa or New Hampshire. Or look at what happened this year to Senator Kamala Harris of California, who faltered in part due to a failure to gain traction in Iowa and New Hampshire. Candidates less popular among people of color, however, like former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg, can thrive in homogenous New Hampshire and Iowa. A National Bureau of Economic Research study of the 2004 presidential primary estimated that people in early-voting states had up to 20 times the influence in candidate selection of voters in later primaries.

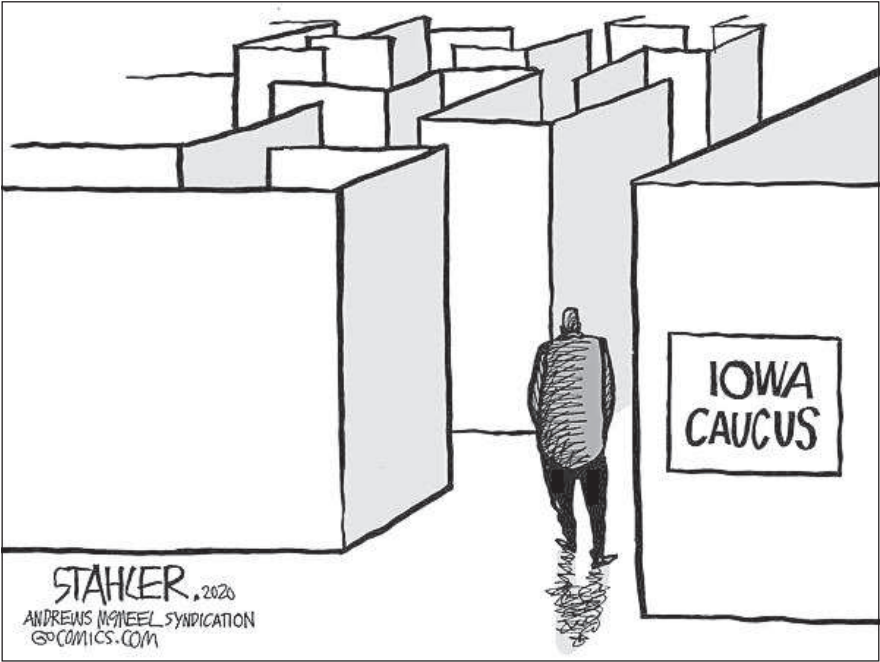
This is not a matter of judgment against the good people of Iowa and New Hampshire. It’s clear that many voters in both states – or at least, the fraction of eligible voters who actually turn out in the Democratic caucuses and primary – take seriously their role in choosing presidential candidates and, as a result, probably do more to educate themselves on the candidates at an early stage. That kind of civic engagement is laudable, if not necessarily fair to preserve for

the rarefied and relatively few Americans who live in those states.

People argue, with good reason, that there’s a value to the kind of retail politics that presidential candidates are forced to engage in when small states have outsized influence, like going to spaghetti dinners and holding town halls, where they meet voters face to face. It’s those kinds of encounters that served Jimmy Carter well, for example, in 1976 in Iowa and New Hampshire, and propelled his campaign forward to securing the nomination. But retail politics and eliminating the first-in-the-nation status of New Hampshire and Iowa are not mutually exclusive; a new system could be designed that allows small-in-population states that are more diverse and representative, like Rhode Island or New Mexico, to play this role, or that adds additional states as first-out-the-gate to counterbalance the skewed demographics of states like New Hampshire.

Some will undoubtedly say that putting a first primary and caucuses anywhere in the country is likely to be flawed in some respect in attempts to represent the nation. But there are better ways around this than merely resigning ourselves to giving New Hampshire and Iowa first-in-the-nation status. One would be to choose two to four states that more resemble the demographic makeup of the country as a whole. Take, for example, Illinois, whose population by age, race, and certain economic factors very much resembles the makeup of the nation. And yet, aside from being the birthplace of certain of the country’s presidents, it has never been given anywhere near the attention by presidential campaigns and media of Iowa and New Hampshire, carrying essentially no significance in presidential elections.

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And the winner is ...

Dang, if he didn’t do it again: Donald John Trump slid out the back door and won the Iowa caucuses Monday night, thanks to a vote-counting app apocalypse, and he’s set to be acquitted on the two impeachment charges leveled against him.

Forget Teflon-President Ronald Reagan, to whom no bad thing ever stuck. Forget the Comeback Kid, President Bill Clinton, who kept getting back up every time he was knocked down. For reasons as mysterious as the Iowa caucuses themselves, President Trump may be the luckiest guy ever to hold the office. Despite being like a bank robber who practically leaves breadcrumbs for the cops to follow, he can’t seem to get caught.

And, if Democrats continue their trend of ineptitude – there’s more – Trump will escape with another term in office come November. If he wants it. Though he still falls short of exoneration, Trump doesn’t let such details interfere with his own reality. When the Mueller investigation failed to find evidence of a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia, he insisted he was found “innocent.”

Likewise, the Senate’s inevitable acquittal of Trump won’t exonerate him, but he’ll surely claim that it does. From his perspective, the proof is glaringly obvious: He’s still president of the United States, isn’t he? Moreover, the chaos that has been ascribed to the Trump White House since Day One looks like a special ops team compared with the Democrats’ recent

unraveling. Another folly has been playing out in Milwaukee, where two leaders of the host committee for the Democratic National Convention have been put on leave pending an investigation into what some staffers have described as a toxic work environment. Details of the alleged offenses haven’t been made available, but a statement from the chief executive of the Democratic National Convention Committee, Joe Solmonese, may have provided hints. “The Democratic Party is firm in our belief that every person deserves to feel safe and respected at their place of work and we will always take seriously claims of bullying and workplace harassment,” Solmonese said. He added that the host committee’s board of directors “is moving forward with a plan to restore an office culture that aligns with the values and expectations of our party.”

Whatever that means. The definitions of bullying and harassment could mean anything from #MeToo-ish to merely boorish. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that experienced politicians who have worked with the committee described a “toxic culture rife with power struggles, backbiting and mismanagement.” The two officials who have been put on leave, executive director Liz Gilbert and chief of staff Adam Alonso, were also accused of focusing on “accumulating power” rather than “promoting Milwaukee,” the Sentinel reported. As of this writing, neither Gilbert nor Alonso has commented on the allegations. Alonso and Gilbert are apparently veterans of controversy. While working full time for the host committee, the two were criticized for continu-

ing to work for New Jersey Democrats. On Monday, the New Jersey Democratic Party dropped Alonso’s \$15,000-per-month consulting arrangement.

Controversy is never far away from politics, no matter what the party. And, though the host committee is an independent, civic group and not part of the Democratic National Convention Committee itself, it isn’t helpful when a workplace scandal implying inappropriate behavior suddenly surfaces. Without enthusiasm and high morale, organizing a convention and raising the millions of dollars needed to fund the event would be a sentence equal to a Siberian labor camp. Or, say, a short stint in the Trump White House. These things can happen to anyone, obviously, and, well, apps fail and chads hang. But when they happen with such synchronicity with Trump’s sudden swell of sensational headlines, one may be inclined to gaze up into the night sky seeking answers. What starry misalignment or heavenly hoax is this?

If you’re a Trump supporter, on the other hand, the stars form constellations of pearl-studded streets, diamond fountains and thrones of gold, reaffirming the belief that, hallelujah, God sent Trump to make America great again.

There’s plenty of time for Democrats to get their acts together and for Trump to pull another disqualifying caper. But for this all-important week, the story is that Trump is still winning – while Democratic candidates, who spent months of sweat and lucre in pursuit of a little lightning beneath their feet – waited in line to lose.

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Helping women work safely during pregnancy benefits all

By KRISTINA BOX, M.D.

As an obstetrician, state health commissioner, a mother and now grandmother, my passion is to attack Indiana’s infant mortality and maternal health issues from every front. In Indiana, we are fortunate to have the support of Governor Eric J. Holcomb, who is committed to improving the health of our moms and babies. That is the foundation of his proposed legislation that would require reasonable accommodations in the workplace to help protect pregnant women.

More than 80,000 babies are born in Indiana each year, and the majority of them are born to women who work outside the home. Women make up almost 50 percent of Indiana’s workforce, and of those, nearly one-third are ages 16-44, a range that includes the peak childbearing years.

Working during pregnancy is generally safe, according to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. However, for women in physically demanding occupations or those with medically complicated pregnancies, work accommodations can allow for continuous and safe employment during pregnancy, which benefits the woman, her baby and her employer.

Throughout my obstetrical career, I have collaborated with employers to support women who work safely well into their last month of pregnancy. I have seen hospitals adjust workflows so that pregnant providers and nurses do not have to lift patients from one bed to another. We have shifted their roles in the operating room so they did not have to stand for prolonged periods and avoided putting the pregnant caregiver at risk by caring for highly infectious patients whenever possible.

Pregnancy accommodations are often simple, such as having water to drink at a work station, being able to sit down or take more frequent breaks, limiting the amount of weight a woman must lift repetitively, allowing a snack between meals for a pregnant woman who is diabetic, or taking steps to reduce falls as her center of gravity changes.

These basic changes can have a significant impact on the health of moms and babies, including a lower risk for preterm birth, the number one cause of infant mortality in our state. They also can benefit employers by allowing women to work longer into their pregnancies. I once saw a pregnant attorney hospitalized on bed rest bill a record number of hours because she was able to continue working remotely.

While the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has guidelines regarding workplace exposure to radiation and other toxins that can harm a developing fetus, existing federal law surrounding pregnancy accommodations is vague and ambiguous. Many employers, including those in Indiana, offer some level of accommodation. The proposed legislation would add clarity for employers and women without creating an undue burden on businesses.

To date, 27 states, including Illinois and Kentucky, and Washington, D.C., have passed additional laws clearly outlining what reasonable pregnancy accommodations are expected in the workplace. I believe this legislation will help eliminate confusion and create consistency among Indiana employers and employees.

I am proud to be from Indiana because as a state we value families, children and the unborn child.

Pregnancy is just a season in the life of a woman and her family. Supporting her during this critical time allows employers to improve morale, protect the investment they have made in training that individual, and potentially decrease the financial burdens created by absenteeism or high healthcare costs associated with preterm birth. By creating partnerships between employers, obstetrical providers and pregnant women and making reasonable accommodations during pregnancy and the newborn period, we can decrease Indiana’s high infant mortality rate, improve maternal health and ensure that our workforce remains skilled and robust.

Kristina Box, M.D., FACOG, is Indiana state health commissioner.

Food

The little black dress of cakes

By LYNDA BALSLEV

A flourless chocolate cake is the “must-have” little black dress of desserts. Minimal, simple and universally pleasing, it’s a classic for all occasions. And, short of intravenous therapy, it’s one of the most intense forms of chocolate consumption you will experience. A tiny sliver of this luscious, gluten-free cake goes a long way (or maybe not, depending on your willpower).

Since the cake is flourless, it demands a very short list of ingredients, which means that the spotlight is rightly on the chocolate. Don’t skimp in this department. Choose the best-quality dark (70 percent to 72 percent) chocolate you can lay your hands on, because it makes all the difference, and you will be rewarded with a stunning cake.

Like the quintessential black dress, you can keep it simple or accessorize it for extra bling. Serve it “naked” with a dusting of powdered sugar. For more sparkle, you can wrap it in a shiny sheen of chocolate glaze. Either way, feel free to serve the cake with gently sweetened whipped cream, which adds a cooling ethereal contrast to the inky chocolate wedge. And if fresh strawberries are available, for goodness sake, don’t hold back.

Glazed Flourless Chocolate Cake
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes, plus cooling time
Yield: Makes 1 (9-inch) cake; Serves 10

Cake:
Unsweetened cocoa powder for dusting
12 ounces high-quality dark chocolate (70 percent to 72 percent), chopped
1 cup (8 ounces) unsalted butter, room temperature
6 large eggs, separated, room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon salt

Glaze:
4 ½ ounces dark chocolate, finely chopped
¼ cup heavy cream



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

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¼ cup dark corn syrup
Whipped cream and fresh strawberries, for garnish

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-inch-diameter springform pan. Line the bottom with parchment paper and butter the parchment. Sprinkle with unsweetened cocoa powder and tap out the excess.

Combine the chocolate and butter in a double boiler or heatproof bowl placed over a saucepan of barely simmering water. Stir frequently until the chocolate is melted and smooth, and remove from the heat.

Beat the egg yolks and ½ cup sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment until light and thick, about 3 minutes. Transfer the eggs to a large clean bowl

and then stir in the melted chocolate, vanilla and salt.

In a clean mixing bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. With the machine running, add the remaining ½ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until medium-firm peaks form. Stir ¼ of the egg whites into the chocolate to blend, and then gently fold in the remaining whites, in 2 additions, without overmixing. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and spread evenly.

Bake until the top of the cake is slightly puffed and cracked and a knife inserted into the center comes out with moist crumbs, 40 to 50 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely in the pan. (If desired, the cake can be served unglazed at this

point. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.)

To make the glaze, place the chocolate in a heat-resistant bowl. Heat the cream in a small saucepan until it just reaches a simmer and pour over the chocolate. Add the corn syrup and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Keep warm.

Remove the side of the cake pan, invert the cake onto a plate, and discard the parchment. Pour the glaze over the center of the cake. Spread the glaze over the top and down the sides of the cake, using an offset spatula to smooth the glaze. Chill in the refrigerator until firm, about 10 minutes.

Serve at room temperature with whipped cream and fresh strawberries.



Provided photo

Roasting the veggies with olive oil first adds a nice flavor and actually increases your body’s ability to absorb the cancer-fighting lycopene compound.

Shrimp salad with sundried tomato vinaigrette

By KATIE MCCURDY

Celebrate the coming spring with a fresh, entrée-worthy salad. This one features protein-rich shrimp, colorful corn and cherry tomatoes and a zesty sundried tomato vinaigrette. Roasting the veggies with olive oil first adds a nice flavor and actually increases your body’s ability to absorb the cancer-fighting lycopene compound.

Shrimp Salad with Sundried Tomato Vinaigrette
Ingredients:

½ cup frozen corn (no-salt added)
½ cup cherry tomatoes (sliced in half)
1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 head romaine lettuce
8 oz. shrimp (thawed, tails trimmed)
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 ½ tsp. prepared mustard
1 Tbsp. chopped sundried tomato
1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
½ medium avocado
Salad (makes 2 servings):
Per Serving: 310 calories, 17 g fat (2.5 g. saturated fat), 23 g carbohydrate, 22 g protein, 11 g dietary fiber, 670 mg sodium.
Sundried Tomato Vinaigrette (makes 3 servings):
Per Serving: 170 calories, 18 g fat (2.5 g. saturated fat), 2 g carbohydrate, 0 g protein, 0 g

dietary fiber, 35 mg sodium.
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

On sheet pan place corn and halved tomatoes and toss with 2 teaspoons oil until evenly coated. Season with salt and pepper (you can also add some granulated garlic for more flavor.) Roast about 10-15 minutes or until tomatoes begin to tighten up.

Chop lettuce to desired leaf size.

In sauté pan add 1 teaspoon oil and heat to medium high.

Add shrimp to pan and season with salt and pepper.

Once shrimp has tightened up and turned pink (approximately 4 minutes.) Remove from heat.

In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, mustard, sundried tomato and garlic. When well mixed, slowly add the oil in a small stream; the dressing should bind together and look uniform throughout with no separating of oil and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

Slice avocado in half and remove pit. Cut slices while still in the skin and scoop out with a spoon.

Arrange lettuce on plate or bowl and top with roasted tomato and corn and avocado. Drizzle with vinaigrette and top with shrimp.

Katie McCurdy, of the Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University, is sous chef of Bloch Cafe.

U.S. adds ‘low yield’ nuclear weapon to its submarine arsenal

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has deployed a new addition to its nuclear arsenal — a long-range missile armed with a nuclear warhead of reduced destructive power. The so-called low-yield missile joins other, more powerful weapons aboard stealthy submarines prowling the oceans.

The debut deployment aboard long-range submarines, known as boomers, is a landmark in U.S. nuclear weapons policy. It is the first major addition to the strategic nuclear arsenal in recent decades and is a departure from the Obama administration’s policy of lessening dependence on nuclear weapons in pursuit of a nuclear-free world.

In confirming the missile deployment to The Associated Press, the Pentagon’s top policy official asserted that the weapon makes Americans safer by making nuclear war less likely. Critics, including some Democrats in Congress, call it a dangerous excess that increases the risk of war.

John Rood, the under-secretary of defense for policy, said in an AP interview Monday that adding the “low-yield” warhead, known as the W76-2, to submarines which tote Trident II ballistic missiles lowers the risk of nuclear war. He said the United

States will continue its stated policy of using nuclear weapons only in “extraordinary circumstances.” He also said the warhead will help the United States dissuade Russia from risking launching a limited nuclear conflict.

“This supplemental capability strengthens deterrence and provides the United States a prompt, more survivable low-yield strategic weapon,” Rood said, adding that it supports the U.S. commitment to deter attacks against allies, and “demonstrates to potential adversaries that there is no advantage to limited nuclear employment because the United States can credibly and decisively respond to any threat scenario.”

Rood declined to provide details about the deployment, including when or where the deployment began; all details, he said, are classified secret. The deployment was reported last week by the Federation of American Scientists, citing anonymous sources and reporting that it was believed to have begun in the final weeks of 2019 with an Atlantic deployment of the USS Tennessee.

Adding the W76-2 fits President Donald Trump’s stated interest in beefing up the nuclear arsenal, although he has not commented on this specific weapon. His administration is committed to a broader, costly modernization of the nuclear force.

The essence of critics’ argument against the low-yield weapon is that it makes the world less safe because it offers decision-makers another option for using a nuclear weapon in a conflict that could then escalate to a full-blown nuclear war. They also contend that lower-yield air-launched nuclear weapons already in the U.S. arsenal make the W76-2 redundant.

Rood, however, said the submarine-launched low-yield missile is important because it can more reliably penetrate air defenses than could an airplane armed with nuclear weapons.

The W76-2 is the Trump administration’s answer to what it calls a Russian misconception of an exploitable “gap” in U.S. nuclear capabilities. By deploying missiles at sea with a lower nuclear yield, or destructive power, the administration aims to dissuade Moscow from thinking it could “win” a war in Europe, for example, by firing its own low-yield nuclear weapon first, forcing Washington and its NATO allies to either commit to full-scale nuclear war or capitulate.

The yield, or destructive power, of the W76-2 is classified. Experts say it may be about 5 kilotons, or roughly one-third the destructive power of the “Little Boy” nuclear bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in the final days of World War II, killing tens of thousands

of people. By comparison, the missile that has been deploying aboard strategic submarines for decades has carried the 90-kiloton W76 warhead and the 475-kiloton W88 warhead.

The newly deployed warhead was produced by modifying the W76. Last February the administration said it expected to have the new version ready for use by late 2019.

The W76-2 has been fitted atop an undisclosed number of Trident ballistic missiles carried aboard the Navy’s Ohio-class submarines. This submarine fleet, split between bases at Bangor, Washington, and King’s Bay, Georgia, represents one leg of the U.S. nuclear “triad,” along with the Air Force’s long-range B-2 and B-52 bombers and land-based Minuteman 3 missiles.

The newest addition to the arsenal comes amid important shifts in the U.S.-Russia strategic relationship. Doubts are growing that the Trump administration will accept Moscow’s offer to extend the New START arms control treaty before it expires next February. It is the only remaining treaty limiting the number of U.S. and Russian strategic nuclear weapons.

Rood noted that deploying the new lower-yield missiles has not increased the total number of American weapons under the New START limits because each of the warheads replaces

one of the more powerful versions that had been exclusively deployed aboard the subs.

Bruce Blair, a former Air Force nuclear weapons officer and co-founder of Global Zero, an international group that advocates the elimination of nuclear arms, said he sees merit in reducing the destructive power of nuclear arsenals.

“But we must not delude ourselves into thinking lower-yield nukes are more usable in a conflict,” he said. “Any use of this sea-based weapon — either first or second — will risk stoking the flames of conflict and escalating to all-out nuclear war. A wiser response to an enemy’s use of one or two low-yield nukes would be to refrain from nuclear escalation while unleashing America’s ferocious and decisive conventional juggernaut.”

Blair, who testified to Congress last year in opposition to the new weapon, also argues that the rationale has been overtaken by events. The Russians, in his view, have shifted their focus to non-nuclear means, including with cyberweapons, of striking primarily Western civilian infrastruc-

ture.

“Instead of using small numbers of tactical nukes to frighten the U.S. and NATO into suing for peace, the Russians today plan to paralyze civilian financial, energy, communications and transportation grids to incite NATO populations to demand an end to hostilities,” he said.

The Trump administration moved quickly to produce and deploy the new weapon after announcing its intentions in a nuclear policy document published two years ago this month.

Opposition in Congress was led by Rep. Adam Smith, a Washington Democrat who is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. The House version of the 2020 defense bill prohibited deployment of the modified warhead, but that was dropped in the final version passed by Congress and signed by Trump in December.

“I maintain that this is one weapon that will not add to our national security but would only increase the risk of miscalculation with dire consequences,” Sen. Jack Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat, said in Senate floor speech in December.

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IMPEACHMENT

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political nature of impeachment, also provided us a means to address dissatisfaction with our Presidents: frequent elections.”

In a Wednesday, Jan. 29 statement, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, explained his decision to vote against hearing from witnesses during the trial.

“After watching the House cobble together a flimsy case and listening to all of the arguments from both sides, I do not believe we need additional testimony to prolong this trial,” he stated. “For those who agonize over hypothetical situations, let me tell you what the reality is: at this time Democrat Leader Chuck Schumer does not have the votes to call any witnesses, and if we go down that path it will be evenhanded. While Democrats have their wish list, the first names I would call for are Joe Biden and Hunter Biden, because their activities in Ukraine are absolutely material to this case. Nearly every Democrat has had their mind made up about removing Donald Trump before he took the oath of office, let’s vote to convict or acquit and let the country move forward.”

Neither Braun nor Young responded as of press time to additional Plain Dealer requests for comment after their acquittal votes.

Going forward

A politically emboldened Trump has eagerly predicted vindication, deploying the verdict as a political anthem in his reelection bid. The president claims he did nothing wrong, decrying the “witch hunt” and “hoax” as extensions of special counsel Robert Mueller’s probe into Russian 2016 campaign interference by those out to get him from the start of his presidency.

The Wednesday afternoon vote was swift. With Chief Justice John Roberts presiding over the trial, senators sworn to do “impartial justice” stood at their desks for the roll call and stated their votes – “guilty” or “not guilty.”

On the first article of impeachment, Trump was charged with abuse of power. He was found not guilty. The second, obstruction of Congress, also produced a not guilty verdict.

Only one Republican, Mitt Romney of Utah, the party’s defeated 2012 presidential nominee, broke with the GOP.

Romney choked up as said drew on his faith and “oath before God” to announce he would vote guilty on the first charge, abuse of power. He would vote to acquit on the second.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday about Romney’s vote, Jake Oakman, director of strategic communications for the Indiana Republican Party, stated they “have no comment on that. Thanks.”

Both Bill Clinton in 1999 and Andrew Johnson in 1868 drew cross-party support when they were left in office after an impeachment trial. President Richard Nixon resigned rather than face revolt

from his party.

Ahead of voting, some of the most closely watched senators took to the Senate floor to tell their constituents, and the nation, what they had decided. The Senate chaplain opened the trial with daily prayers for the senators, including one Wednesday seeking “integrity.”

Influential GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who is retiring, worried that a guilty verdict would “pour gasoline on the fire” of the nation’s culture wars over Trump. He said the House proved its case but it just didn’t rise to the level of impeachment.

“It would rip the country apart,” Alexander said before his vote.

Other Republicans siding with Trump said it was time to end what McConnell called the “circus” and move on. Trump ally GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham said it was a “sham” designed to destroy a presidency.

Most Democrats, though, echoed the House managers’ warnings that Trump, if left unchecked, would continue to abuse the power of his office for personal political gain and try to “cheat” again ahead of the 2020 election.

During the nearly three-week trial, House Democrats prosecuting the case argued that Trump abused power like no other president in history when he pressured Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, ahead of the 2020 election.

They detailed extraordinary shadow diplomacy run by Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani that set off alarms at the highest levels of government. After Trump’s July 25 phone call with Ukraine, Trump temporarily halted U.S. aid to the struggling ally battling hostile Russia at its border. The money was eventually released in September as Congress intervened.

When the House probed Trump’s actions, the president instructed White House aides to defy congressional subpoenas, leading to the obstruction charge.

One key Democrat, Alabama Sen. Doug Jones – perhaps the most endangered politically for reelection in a state where Trump is popular – announced he would vote to convict. “Senators are elected to make tough choices,” Jones said

Questions from the Ukraine matter continue to swirl. House Democrats may yet summon former national security adviser John Bolton to testify about revelations from his forthcoming book that offer a fresh account of Trump’s actions. Other eyewitnesses and documents are almost sure to surface.

In closing arguments for the trial the lead prosecutor, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., appealed to senators’ sense of decency, that “right matters” and “truth matters” and that Trump “is not who you are.”

“The president’s basic lack of character, his willingness to cheat in the election – he’s not going to stop,” Schiff told The Associated Press on Wednesday, predicting more revelations would become public. “It’s not going to change, which means that we are going to have to re-

main eternally vigilant.”

Pelosi was initially reluctant to launch impeachment proceedings against Trump when she took control of the House after the 2018 election, dismissively telling more liberal voices that “he’s not worth it.”

Trump and his GOP allies in Congress argue that Democrats have been trying to undercut him from the start.

But a whistleblower complaint of his conversation with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy set off alarms. The call had been placed the day after Mueller announced the findings of his Russia probe.

When Trump told Pelosi in September that the call was perfect, she was stunned. “Perfectly wrong,” she said. Days later, the speaker announced the formal impeachment inquiry.

The result was the quickest, most partisan impeachment in U.S. history, with no Republicans joining the House Democrats to vote for the charges, though one GOP congressman left the party and voted for impeachment and two Democrats joined Republicans to oppose. The Republican Senate kept up the pace with the fastest trial ever, and the first with no witnesses or deliberations.

Trump’s legal team with star attorney Alan Dershowitz made the sweeping if stunning, assertion that even if the president engaged in the quid pro quo as described, it is not impeachable, because politicians often view their own political interest with the national interest.

McConnell, who commands a 53-47 Republican majority, braced for dissent, refusing efforts to prolong the trial with more witnesses, arguing the House should have done a better job.

Some GOP senators distanced themselves from Trump’s defense, and other Republicans brushed back calls from conservatives to disclose the name of the anonymous whistleblower. The Associated Press typically does not reveal the identity of whistleblowers.

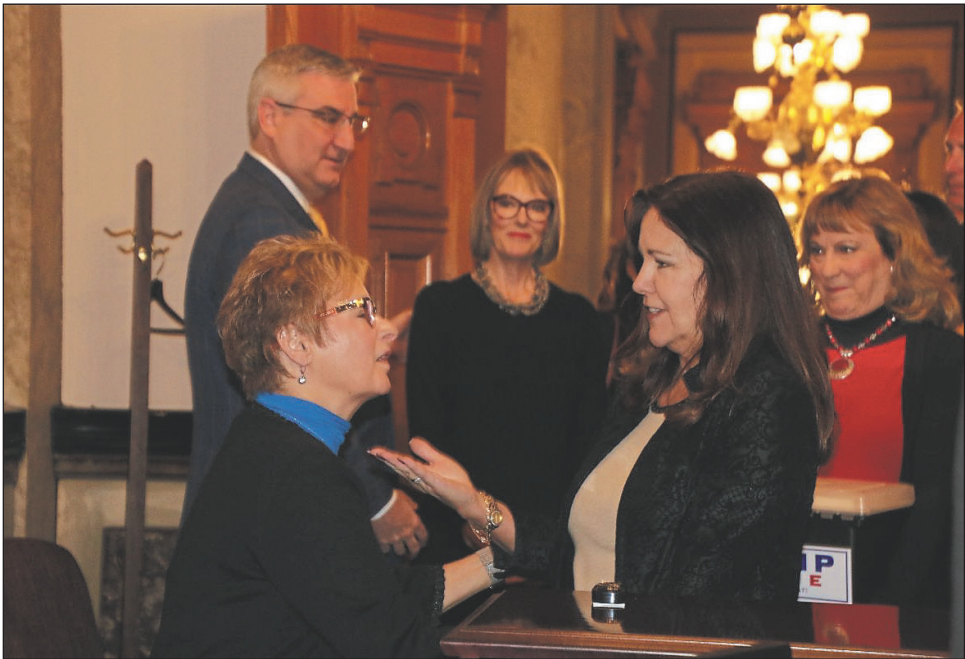
Trump’s approval rating, which has generally languished in the mid- to low-40s, hit a new high of 49 percent in the latest Gallup polling, which was conducted as the Senate trial was drawing to a close. The poll found that 51 percent of the public views the Republican Party favorably, the first time the GOP’s number has exceeded 50 percent since 2005.

Karen Pence touts Trump's reelection bid

Meanwhile, back at the Indiana Statehouse, Vice President Mike Pence’s wife returned Wednesday to where her husband used to serve as governor, filing paperwork to put Trump’s name on the state’s presidential primary ballot.

Karen Pence walked with Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb and about 50 supporters to the secretary of state’s office for the formal filing, then touted Trump’s actions as president in urging his reelection this year.

Pence boasted in 7 minutes of remarks about national economic growth, the low



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Second Lady Karen Pence talks with Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson as she prepares to file paperwork to officially place President Donald Trump on the Indiana ballot for reelection.



By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Second Lady Karen Pence visits the Indiana Secretary of State's Office to file paperwork to officially place President Donald Trump on the ballot in Indiana. She's joined by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Secretary of State Connie Lawson.



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While filing to place President Donald Trump on the presidential ballot in Indiana, Second Lady Karen Pence talks with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, while Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch talks with Secretary of State Connie Lawson. Thousands of petition signatures from Hoosiers in all of Indiana’s 92 counties are on the counter.

unemployment rate and new foreign trade deals under Trump, saying “we are getting things done.”

Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody pointed to what he said was a failure by the Trump administration to lower prescription drug prices.

Trump won’t be alone on the Republican primary ballot in May as former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld’s campaign also collected enough petition signatures for him to qualify and filed his candidacy on Tuesday, according to the Indiana secretary of state’s office.

Weld’s candidacy has gained little traction across

the country, and Trump will almost certainly have his re-nomination secured by the time of Indiana’s primary. Trump easily won the 2016 Indiana primary and later selected Mike Pence as his running mate on his way to carrying the state in the general election by 19 percentage points over Hillary Clinton.

The Democratic primary ballot could be crowded as nine Democratic candidates have met Indiana’s requirement of at least 500 voter petition signatures from each of its nine congressional districts.

Former Vice President Joe Biden; Sens. Amy Klobu-

char, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren; and businessmen Tom Steyer and Andrew Yang had filed their candidacy through midday Wednesday. Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard can be added until Friday’s noon filing deadline.

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Damage reported after 5.0 quake strikes near Puerto Rico

By DÁNICA COTO

Associated Press

SANTA ISABEL, Puerto Rico — A magnitude 5.0 aftershock rattled southern Puerto Rico on Tuesday, causing some cracks but no reported injuries in a region that has been shaken by con-

tinuing quakes for more than a month.

Officials in the southwest coastal town of Guayanilla reported a cracked wall and arch near a municipal pool that had already been closed to the public. It also prompted re-inspections of homes, schools and other buildings.

SNOW

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and the morning commute will likely be effected.”

He said it was expected to continue through 2 a.m. Wednesday. After that, more snow was in the forecast, “but not accumulating as quickly.”

The NWS Northern Indiana issued a hazardous Weather Outlook is for northern Indiana, south-

west Michigan and north-west Ohio lasting through 10 a.m. Thursday

“Light snow is possible through Thursday afternoon,” stated the advisory. “Total snow accumulations of 1 to 2 inches and ice accumulations of up to one-tenth of an inch are possible along and south of Highway 24. ... Slow down and use caution while traveling.”

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“The fear is that that they’ve once again been affected,” Guayanilla spokesman Danny González told The Associated Press. “It was a strong one.”

A couple of homes in the

nearby city of Ponce also were damaged, prompting authorities to close several streets in the downtown area for safety as engineers inspected deep cracks.

The 10:45 a.m. quake

struck 9 miles south-southeast of Guanica at a shallow depth of 4 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was felt across the island.

Víctor Huérfano, director of Puerto Rico’s Seismic Net-

work, told the AP that the quake is part of a string of tremors that have followed a 6.4 earthquake that hit Jan. 7, killing one person and damaging or destroying hundreds of homes and schools.

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Northfield opens sectional with dominant win

The Northfield girls' basketball team led 21-0 after the first quarter at North Miami's sectional against Southern Wells and carried that to a 58-36 victory. Addi Baker led the way with 16 points and five rebounds while Kearston Stout and Emma Hoover each had 14 points.

Emmanuel Christian downs White's

Against White's on Tuesday, the Emmanuel Christian basketball team earned a 72-53 win over White's. Preston Ritzema had 21 points, JC Frank tallied 20 and Riley Miller recorded 12.

Cubs invite former closer Morrow to spring training

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cubs announced former closer Brandon Morrow's minor league contract on Wednesday and said he will report to big league spring training.

If added to the 40-man roster, Morrow would get a one-year contract paying a \$1.5 million salary while in the major leagues and a \$150,000 salary while in the minors. He could earn \$1.25 million in bonuses for games pitched in the majors: \$250,000 each for 40, 50, 55, 60 and 65.

Morrow agreed to a \$21 million, two-year contract before the 2018 season and had 22 saves and a 1.47 ERA in 35 games when he was shut down that July because of a bone bruise in his right elbow. He had elbow surgery four months later and the 35-year-old right-hander has not pitched in a game since.

Auburn leading rusher enters NCAA transfer portal

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Auburn running back Ja'Tarvious Whitlow has entered the NCAA's transfer portal.

Tigers coach Gus Malzahn said Wednesday that Whitlow is "looking for a fresh start somewhere else."

Whitlow led the Tigers in rushing the past two seasons, totaling 1,550 yards and 16 touchdowns. He had 763 yards and 10 touchdowns as a sophomore while missing the Arkansas game and seeing limited action against LSU following knee surgery.

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Manchester's Beletu Stout brings the ball upcourt during the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game against Cass.

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Squires stymie Kings in sectional opener

By JACOB RUDE
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WALTON – Nerves always play a part in postseason basketball and the young Manchester girls' basketball team was no different on Tuesday. In the opening sectional contest against the hosts Cass, the Squires went nearly five minutes without scoring.

However, a suffocating defense and an overmatched Kings side allowed Manchester the cushion it needed before the offense came alive, eventually ending in a 39-22 win.

"That's the thing with the draw is I thought, more importantly than anything, was getting some game time under our belt," Manchester head coach Josh Troyer said. "Especially with a fairly young team as far as sectional experience. Like, we just needed to get our feet wet. Early on, you could tell early on we were a little jittery. We didn't score for four-and-a-half, five minutes and still put up 27 in the first half. We did a really good job of keeping our

poise and hanging in there. "The biggest thing was we had to survive and advance and we did that. Now we have two days to prepare for Wabash."

Manchester bombed away from range all evening, attempting 27 long-range efforts on the night, and it was the three-point shot that got the Squires started. After Cass opened the scoring with a basket at the 4:13 mark of the first, Mackenzie Day tied the game with a pair of free throws before Ainsley West and Beletu Stout connected on threes to go up 8-2.

Bailey Mooney banked in her own three and West scored inside to give Manchester a 13-4 lead at the end of the first. Up 16-6 early in the second, Manchester closed the half on an 11-2 run. After Morgan Parrett started the scoring, West connected on her second three-pointer of the night before Stout hit two of her own, the latter a deep attempt just ahead of the buzzer to give Manchester a 27-8 lead.

"I thought we missed

some stuff inside," Troyer said. "But when Beletu hit one early, I was like 'Shoot the basketball.' When she hits four, you have to keep shooting. Ainsley West, right back from a concussion, hits three. When we're hitting those, it's something we have to continue to do. They didn't rotate super well on the outside. They leave you a lot of those openings...you take what the defense gives you and, I thought, most of the time we hit those shots.

"And those are shots we're going to have to hit to win a sectional so why not start practicing on Tuesday."

The Squire lead reached as big as 20 points late in the third after Stout's fourth three to make it 33-13. The junior guard finished with 12 points to lead Manchester while West had 11 of her own. The two combined to hit seven of Manchester's eight three-pointers on the night.

Though Troyer admitted to his side losing focus in the second half, the Squires still were stifling defensively,

finishing with 15 steals in the contest and limiting the Kings to four points in each the first two quarters.

"We worked the last couple days and put in some adjustments to how they try to break a diamond press and our girls did phenomenal," he said. "They were exactly where they needed to be. Cass even started out in something different and we adjusted real quick to that and they went back to the other one and we adjusted. I just thought the adjustments defensively we made all night, the energy we played with was fantastic for a Tuesday and I'm really proud of them for that, for sure."

Day pulled down a team-high six rebounds while Parrett had four steals to lead the way. Stout and Kiera Hatfield had three each.

Manchester advanced to the sectional semi-finals with the win and will rematch with Wabash. The two sides met just shy of three weeks ago with the Squires earning a 48-35 win. Tip-off for Friday's sectional game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Mayor: 'Joy ride' driver arrested on Super Bowl parade route

By MARGARET STAFFORD and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An impaired driver taking a "joy ride" Wednesday along the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl parade route was put into a forced spin by law enforcement officers who then arrested the driver and another person at gunpoint, according to officials and video footage of the incident.

Clay County Sheriff's deputies threw out Stop Sticks and several patrol cars surrounded the car and stopped it as it approached the crowd near Union Station, police said. Video posted by WDAF-TV showed officers approaching the car with weapons drawn before taking two people into custody. The arrest happened around three hours before the parade began, and no one was injured.

Mayor Quinton Lucas told the TV station that it was an impaired driver taking "a joy ride" and was not terrorism-related. He praised the quick response of the officers who responded, who were cheered by fans who witnessed the incident.

"We have even more heroes to cheer today," Lucas said.

Fans streamed into downtown Kansas City by the thousands early Wednesday for the parade and rally to celebrate the Chiefs' first Super Bowl championship in 50 years. Some even camped out overnight to reserve choice spots along the route, which will take the team from the intersection of Sixth Street and Grand Boulevard to the rally outside Union Station.

"This is so awesome," said Shauntel Lyons, 40, of Kansas City, who was a Chiefs cheerleader from 2003 to 2005. "I learned so many great lessons from my time with the team. To see them bring home that trophy after 50 years is so gratifying. I'm just glad to be part of it."

Fans bundled up for chilly conditions and the forecast said 2 to 3 inches of snow were possible during the parade.

The Kansas Legislature took the day off to celebrate and their Missouri counterparts scheduled a light

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Pete Rose asks for reinstatement, cites Astros and steroids

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pete Rose again asked Major League Baseball to end his lifetime ban, saying the penalty is unfair compared with discipline for steroids use and electronic sign stealing. Rose's lawyers submitted the application Wednesday to baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, who in December 2015 denied the previous request by the career hits leader.

"The time has come to recognize that Mr. Rose's penalty has become grossly disproportionate relative to Major League Baseball's treatment of severe wrongdoing by ownership, man-

agement and players," the petition said.

Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 after an investigation for MLB by lawyer John Dowd found that Rose placed numerous bets on the Cincinnati Reds to win from 1985-87 while playing for and managing the team.

"There has never been any allegation that Mr. Rose's misconduct was intended to gain a competitive advantage over other teams," stated the petition, which was first reported by ESPN. "When it comes to subsequent violations of Major League Baseball rules — namely steroid use and electronic sign stealing — this is clearly not the case.

They have intentionally and dramatically affected the results of plays and games, including the outcomes of two consecutive World Series. These acts manifestly and deliberately violate the spirit and letter of the rules."

Rose, who turns 79 in April, asked to meet with Manfred, who in his 2015 denial wrote that the 17-time All-Star had "not presented credible evidence of a reconfigured life either by an honest acceptance by him of his wrongdoing, so clearly established in the Dowd Report, or by a rigorous, self-aware and sustained program of avoidance by him of all the circumstances that led to his permanent ineligibility."

Rose cited the joint drug agreement between MLB and the players' association, which calls for 80-game suspensions for first offenders for performance-enhancing drugs, 162-game bans for second offenders and lifetime bans for thirds penalties with a chance for reinstatement. Manfred reinstated reliever Jenrry Mejia, the only player disciplined three times for PEDs under the major league drug program.

Rose also referenced Manfred's decision on Jan. 13 to suspend Houston manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow for one season for their role in the Astros' use of electronics to steal catchers' signs in 2017

and 2018 but to not discipline players.

"Proportionality has long been the governing norm when Major League Baseball commissioners have assessed discipline," the petition said. "That guiding principle has not changed, but Major League Baseball's reactions to potential threats to the integrity of the game have greatly evolved since Mr. Rose's conduct resulted in a lifetime ban from the game in 1989, and more particularly since his 2015 petition for reinstatement."

Rose also asked baseball's Hall of Fame to remove the prohibition adopted by the Hall's board of directors in

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE					
	Conference			All Games	
	W	L	Pct	W	L Pct
Louisville	10	1	.909	19	3 .864
Duke	9	2	.818	19	3 .864
Florida St.	9	2	.818	19	3 .864
Virginia	6	4	.600	14	6 .700
Syracuse	5	5	.545	13	9 .591
NC State	5	6	.455	14	8 .636
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	14	8 .636
Clemson	5	6	.455	11	10 .524
Virginia Tech	5	7	.417	14	9 .609
Boston College	5	7	.417	11	12 .478
Georgia Tech	5	7	.417	11	12 .478
Notre Dame	4	6	.400	13	8 .619
Miami	3	8	.273	11	10 .524
Wake Forest	3	8	.273	10	11 .476
North Carolina	3	8	.273	10	12 .455
Tuesday's Games					
Duke 63, Boston College 55					
Georgia Tech 76, Virginia Tech 57					
Wednesday's Games					
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame					
Clemson at Virginia					
NC State at Miami					
Wake Forest at Louisville					

BIG EAST CONFERENCE					
	Conference			All Games	
	W	L	Pct	W	L Pct
Seton Hall	8	1	.889	16	5 .762
Villanova	7	2	.778	17	4 .810
Creighton	6	3	.667	17	5 .773
Marquette	6	4	.600	16	6 .727
Butler	5	4	.556	17	5 .773
Providence	5	4	.556	12	10 .545
Xavier	4	6	.400	15	8 .652
Georgetown	3	6	.333	13	9 .591
St. John's	2	8	.200	13	10 .565
DePaul	1	9	.100	13	10 .565
Tuesday's Game					
Xavier 67, DePaul 59					
Wednesday's Games					
Villanova at Butler					
Creighton at Providence					
Seton Hall at Georgetown					

BIG TEN CONFERENCE					
	Conference			All Games	
	W	L	Pct	W	L Pct
Maryland	8	3	.727	18	4 .818
Illinois	8	3	.727	16	6 .727
Michigan St.	8	4	.667	17	7 .696
Penn St.	7	4	.636	17	5 .773
Iowa	7	4	.636	16	6 .727
Rutgers	7	5	.583	16	7 .696
Wisconsin	6	5	.545	13	9 .591
Indiana	5	6	.455	15	7 .682
Ohio St.	5	6	.455	15	7 .682
Purdue	5	6	.455	12	10 .545
Minnesota	5	6	.455	11	10 .524
Michigan	4	7	.364	13	9 .591
Nebraska	2	9	.182	7	15 .318
Northwestern	1	10	.091	6	15 .286
Tuesday's Games					
Maryland 56, Rutgers 51					
Ohio St. 61, Michigan 58					
Penn St. 75, Michigan St. 70					
Wednesday's Games					
Iowa at Purdue					
Wisconsin at Minnesota					
Friday's Game					
Maryland at Illinois, 8 p.m.					

Tuesday's Men's Scores					
EAST					
Duke 63, Boston College 55					
Fairfield 55, Monmouth (NJ) 53					
Maryland 56, Rutgers 51					
Rhode Island 73, UMass 67					
SOUTH					
Georgia Tech 76, Virginia Tech 57					
Kentucky 80, Mississippi St. 72					
Tennessee 69, Alabama 68					
MIDWEST					
Ball St. 62, Kent St. 54					
Cent. Michigan 92, Bowling Green 82					
E. Michigan 66, Buffalo 62					
N. Illinois 66, Toledo 61					
Ohio St. 61, Michigan 58					
Penn St. 75, Michigan St. 70					
South Dakota 106, Peru State 45					
W. Michigan 64, Miami (Ohio) 60					
Xavier 67, DePaul 59					
SOUTHWEST					
Auburn 79, Arkansas 76, OT					
Texas A&M 68, Missouri 51					
Texas Tech 69, Oklahoma 61					
FAR WEST					
Boise St. 67, Wyoming 62					
Colorado St. 80, Fresno St. 70					
Nevada 88, Air Force 54					

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	Pct		GB
Toronto	36	14	.720		—
Boston	34	15	.694		1½
Philadelphia	31	20	.608		5½
Brooklyn	22	27	.449		13½
New York	15	36	.294		21½
Southeast Division					
	W	L	Pct		GB
Miami	34	15	.694		—
Orlando	22	28	.440		12½
Washington	17	32	.347		17
Charlotte	16	35	.314		19
Atlanta	13	38	.255		22
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct		GB
Milwaukee	43	7	.860		—
Indiana	31	19	.620		12
Chicago	19	33	.365		25
Detroit	18	34	.346		26
Cleveland	13	38	.255		30½
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
	W	L	Pct		GB
Houston	32	18	.640		—
Dallas	31	19	.620		1
Memphis	25	25	.500		7
San Antonio	22	28	.440		10
New Orleans	20	31	.392		12½
Northwest Division					
	W	L	Pct		GB
Denver	35	16	.686		—
Utah	32	17	.653		2
Oklahoma City	30	20	.600		4½
Portland	23	28	.451		12
Minnesota	15	34	.306		19
Pacific Division					
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L.A. Lakers	38	11	.776		—
L.A. Clippers	35	15	.700		3½
Phoenix	20	30	.400		18½
Sacramento	19	31	.380		19½
Golden State	12	39	.235		27
Tuesday's Games					
Milwaukee 120, New Orleans 108					
Houston 125, Charlotte 110					
Denver 127, Portland 99					
L.A. Lakers 129, San Antonio 102					
Wednesday's Games					
Phoenix at Detroit					
Golden State at Brooklyn					
Indiana at Toronto					
Orlando at Boston					
Atlanta at Minnesota					
Cleveland at Oklahoma City					
Memphis at Dallas					
Denver at Utah					
Miami at L.A. Clippers					
Today's Games					
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.					
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.					
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.					
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.					
Friday's Games					
Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.					
Memphis at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.					
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.					
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.					
Toronto at Indiana, 8 p.m.					
Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
Miami at Sacramento, 10 p.m.					
Portland at Utah, 10:30 p.m.					
Saturday's Games					
Milwaukee at Orlando, 5 p.m.					
Dallas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.					
New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.					
Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.					
New Orleans at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.					
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.					
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.					
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.					

NBA All-Star Weekend Rosters

At United Center					
Chicago					
Saturday, Feb. 15					
SKILLS CHALLENGE					
Participant, Team	Pos	Ht	Wt		
Bam Adebayo, Miami	C-F	6-9	255		
Patrick Beverly, L.A. Clippers	G	6-1	180		
Spencer Dinwiddie, Brooklyn	F	6-5	225		
Khris Middleton, Milwaukee	G	6-7	215		
Derrick Rose, Detroit	G	6-2	200		
Domantas Sabonis, Indiana	F	6-11	240		
Pascal Siakam, Toronto	F	6-9	230		
Jayson Tatum, Boston	F	6-8	210		
THREE-POINT CONTEST					
Participant, Team	Pos	Ht	Wt		
Davis Bertans, Washington	F	6-10	225		

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)		11 p.m.
7 p.m.		GOLF — EPGA / LPGA Tour: The ISPS Handa Vic Open, Second Round, Victoria, Australia
CBSSN — Towson at Delaware		HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
ESPN — Cincinnati at Wichita State		5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Connecticut at Tula		ESPNU — Christ the King (N.Y.) vs. Archbishop Stepinac (N.Y.)
ESPNU — Campbell at Winthrop		NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.		8 p.m.
PAC-12N — California at Colorado		TNT — Phila. at Milwaukee
9 p.m.		10:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Louisiana Tech at Western Kentucky		TNT — Houston at LA Lakers
ESPN2 — Southern California at Arizona		NHL HOCKEY
ESPNU — Tulane at Houston		7 p.m.
10 p.m.		NBCSN — Detroit at Buffalo
PAC-12N — Stanford at Utah		9:30 p.m.
11 p.m.		NBCSN — San Jose at Edmonton
CBSSN — Loyola Marymount at Gonzaga		SKIING / SNOWBOARDING
ESPN2 — UCLA at Arizona State		12:30 a.m. (Friday)
ESPNU — St. Mary's at San Diego		NBCSN — FIS Freestyle World Cup: Moguls, Deer Valley Resort, Utah (taped)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)		TENNIS
6 p.m.		5 a.m.
ACCN — North Carolina at Duke		TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Córdoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds
BTN — Purdue at Michigan		6 a.m.
6:30 p.m.		TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Córdoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds
SECN — Mississippi State at Tennessee		5 p.m.
8 p.m.		TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Córdoba-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds
ACCN — Florida State at Louisville		5 a.m. (Friday)
BTN — Maryland at Indiana		TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Córdoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit
8:30 p.m.		6 a.m. (Friday)
SECN — South Carolina at Arkansas		TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Córdoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit
FIGURE SKATING		
4 p.m.		
NBCSN — Four Continents Championships: Ladies Short Program, Seoul, South Korea (taped)		
GOLF		
3 p.m.		
GOLF — PGA Tour: The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, First Round, Pebble Beach, Calif.		

No. 2 Gonzaga gets a boost from international contingent

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Assistant coach Tommy Lloyd has been to so many countries looking for the best international talent during his 19 seasons on the Gonzaga staff. So many passport books filled. So many stamps.

“I had a cool one from Zimbabwe. They had a sticker and you had to pay \$20 cash when you got in the country in U.S. dollars. That’s how crazy it was,” Lloyd said. “That’s going back 20 years or something.”

Today the travel is less extensive, a little less exotic for Lloyd. But the influence of international players on Gonzaga’s roster remains strong.

Going back to the days when Ronny Turiaf was one of the best players in the country, there’s always been a bit of an international flavor to the Bulldogs’ roster. Countries

like Martinique, Brazil, Germany, Russia and France – to name a select few – have had some of their best end up playing in little Spokane, Washington, for the school with the funny-sounding name.

But this year, with the Zags ranked No. 2 in the country heading into this week’s games against Loyola Marymount and Saint Mary’s, takes the top spot. Six players from five different countries are on the roster. The dominant conversation inside the palatial locker room could be any mix of languages all bonded together by a game that has become far more international.

Coaches like Lloyd have found themselves at the forefront of that expansion.

“This was kind of born out of necessity. We wanted to keep growing the program and we needed to recruit at a higher level,” Lloyd said. “Eastern Washington is a great place, but it’s not necessarily a hot-

bed for basketball talent. So we had to think outside the box, so we started investing time and resources and developing relationships overseas.”

Those relationships have yielded a bounty of stars. It’s started in the early 2000s with Turiaf, the gregarious forward from Martinique who has become an ambassador for the school in basketball circles. Other standouts like J.P. Batista (Brazil), Przemek Karnowski (Poland), Elias Harris (Germany), Domantas Sabonis (Lithuania) and Rui Hachimura (Japan) have also cycled through Spokane.

And that list doesn’t include the large number of Canadians like Robert Sacre, Kevin Pangos and Kelly Olynyk.

This year’s group includes leading scorer Filip Petrushev of Serbia. Starters Killian Tillie and Joel Ayayi make up the French contingent. Martynas Arlauskas (Lithuania), Pavel Zakharov (Russia) and Oumar

Ballo (Mali) are on the Bulldogs bench.

Petrusev is averaging 17 points per game and had a career-high 31 points last week against Santa Clara.

“I’ve changed a lot of teams, and being the foreign kid and being accepted like this and just everybody welcoming me like this, it’s never happened,” said Petrushev, who grew up in Serbia before finishing his high school career playing in Florida. “It was the quickest settle in for me. The guys made it look like I had been here a year before I came. I think the culture here – a lot of international guys so we can relate to each other – but the domestic guys understand us, too, and they do an amazing job of just bringing us into their culture.”

Petrusev was drawn to Gonzaga by its success developing post players for the NBA, like Olynyk and Sabonis in recent years.

Ayayi first became aware of Gonzaga when Tillie committed to joining the Zags. The two are a couple of years apart but attended the same academy in France.

“I just knew it was in a small city up there in the cold,” Ayayi said pointing and laughing.

Ayayi has developed at Gonzaga. He averaged just 5.6 minutes per game as a redshirt freshman last season. This year, he is playing nearly 30 minutes per night, averaging 11.2 points and is second on the team in rebounding.

“At the beginning people think it’s harder on the court. But you come here and struggle on the court, it’s almost better than off the court. Because off the court there are so many things you have to figure out,” Ayayi said. “You may really struggle in practice, but you better enjoy it because when you get out of practice it’s worse. You have

the language barrier, you have so many things at school, all those little new things to get used to. ... But Tommy always makes sure everyone is feeling great.”

Lloyd has tried his best to make the transition as easy as possible. There’s support staff on campus, but even more important is having the lineage of international players so lessons can be passed from one class to the next.

“I know the international guys look after each other and try to help each other acclimate as quick as they can,” Lloyd said. “It goes to having a diverse locker room. We have so many different guys from different cultures that it’s a really comfortable place and I don’t think anybody ever feels like they’re an outsider because in their own way everybody’s kind of an outsider. That’s kind of what makes it work.”

Covington, Capela on move in 4-team trade

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

Robert Covington is going to the Houston Rockets and Clint Capela is going to the Atlanta Hawks as the headline moves in a complicated trade that was struck early Wednesday involving four teams, 12 players and at least three draft picks, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

Among the key components, according to the people who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade has not received league approval: Covington and Jordan Bell will join the Rockets from Minnesota, Capela and Nene are leaving the Rockets for the Hawks, the Timberwolves added soon-to-be restricted free agents Malik Beasley and Juancho Hernangomez from Denver and the Nuggets got Shabazz Napier from Minnesota plus a first-round pick from Houston.

ESPN and The Athletic first reported the trade.

Covington told Houston television station KRIV Fox 26 upon his arrival at the airport Wednesday that he was looking forward to a new opportunity.

“It’s all over the place right now,” Covington said when asked about his emotions. “Just kind of getting adjusted

to life changing – drastically – in such a short amount of time.”

It was not immediately clear if a call with NBA attorneys to review and approve the trade would happen on Wednesday or Thursday. The league’s trade deadline is 3 p.m. EST Thursday.

Also in the deal: Jarred Vanderbilt is leaving Denver for Minnesota, and the Nuggets are getting Keita Bates-Diop and Noah Vonleh from the Timberwolves as well as Evan Turner from the Hawks. Gerald Green – who is out with a seasonlong foot injury – also goes to Denver from Houston to help make the math work and is likely to be waived once the deal is final, and Atlanta will also have to make another move to finalize the trade since it must first clear a roster spot.

ESPN reported Wednesday that the Hawks would waive Chandler Parsons to clear the necessary space.

Parsons is in the final year of his contract, is making just over \$25 million this season and has been away from the team while dealing with injuries suffered in a car crash that attorneys believe has threatened his ability to play at all going forward.

The biggest takeaway from the deal would seem to be that this commits Houston to keeping the small-ball line-

up that it has employed with much success of late. Capela was the only center that the Rockets have consistently played this season – and they’re 10-1 in games without him. Houston could still look to acquire another big man for depth through another trade or potentially after a buyout, and this trade gives the Rockets some financial flexibility to do so.

Covington started his career in Houston and has become one of the NBA’s top defenders, and it’s hard to envision him being anything but a strong complement alongside Rockets stars James Harden and Russell Westbrook.

Denver – currently No. 3 in the Western Conference – gets some flexibility as well, in part because it now won’t have to decide this summer what to do with Beasley and Hernangomez. The Nuggets also picked up a first-round pick for this year in the deal and that could become a chip in any other trades Denver tries to execute before the deadline.

Capela is under contract for three more seasons and joins Atlanta’s young core of Trae Young, Kevin Huertler and John Collins. The Hawks will have cap space to use this summer, will likely have a top-five pick in this year’s draft and now have two well-regarded bigs alongside

the backcourt of Young and Huertler.

Hernangomez and Beasley each played heavy minutes during a 127-99 win over Portland on Tuesday in what turned out to be their last time wearing a Nuggets uniform. After the final horn, they casually chatted with teammates in the locker room before leaving.

Soon after the trade details began to emerge, Hernangomez and Beasley reappeared to hug teammates.

Beasley had a stunned look on his face as he walked along the hallway. He briefly popped into the media room to issue a friendly proclamation.

“Next time I see (the Nuggets) I’m gonna drop 50,” he teased.

In Beasley, Hernangomez, Turner and Vanderbilt, the Wolves are receiving four players on expiring contracts, allowing them ample flexibility for further maneuvering either before the deadline on Thursday or in July once the market reopens. They tried last summer to acquire guard D’Angelo Russell, another close friend of Towns, but he went to Golden State instead. And there were more talks involving Russell to complete this deal, but he remained with the Warriors and Denver became the fourth team involved in this complex mix.

By **MITCH STACY**
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets were tanking fast two months ago. They were 11-14-4, had lost four in a row and timely goals were as scarce as winter sunshine in Columbus. Hopes for a fourth straight playoff appearance were slipping away. Coach John Tortorella was exasperated, and the organization was starting to look to developing next year.

Near the bottom of the Metropolitan Division and 11 points from a playoff spot on Dec. 9, the Blue Jackets walloped the division-leading Washington Capitals 5-2. That started a 18-2-5 run that has fans hopeful of a potential playoff run.

The way it happened made the turnaround even more improbable.

The Blue Jackets were plagued by injuries in December and January, with as many as 10 regular players sidelined. Lines were patched together with players who started the season in Cleveland with the team’s AHL affiliate.

Then came more back luck. Goaltender Joonas Korpisalo, who had gotten hot enough to be selected for the NHL All-Star Game, injured his left knee during a shootout with Chicago on Dec. 29. That set the stage for rookie Elvis Merzlikins, who was 0-4-4 this season and ensconced on the bench.

Merzlikins helped provide the fireworks on New Year’s Eve when he turned in a 36-save performance in a 4-1 win over Florida and former Blue Jackets star goalie Sergei Bobrovsky. Since assuming the starting role, he’s 12-2-0, including four shutouts, and has become a fan favorite.

The Blue Jackets returned from their NHL-mandated break by picking up three points in a road back-to-back and moved

into third place in the rugged Metropolitan Division. Oliver Bjorkstrand, previously a steady presence but far from a star, is on a scoring tear.

“I think winning breeds confidence,” Columbus captain Nick Foligno said. “I think when you’re a team finding ways to win or at least feeling positive about your game, it’s amazing what that does for you. You don’t feel like you’re carrying a piano on your back and your confidence comes with that.”

Aside from Merzlikins, rookies Emil Bemstrom, Eric Robinson and Vladislav Gavrikov have emerged as key contributors. So has 5-foot-5 NHL journeyman Nathan Gerbe, who since signing with Columbus in January 2018 had spent most of his time in Cleveland.

“That’s the most enjoyable part of coaching, when you’re developing people and you’re pushing and you’re tugging and you’re kicking and you’re hugging and you’re doing all the things to try to help people to perform,” said Tortorella, who is being talked about as a candidate for his third Jack Adams Award as coach of the year.

He keeps warning, though, that there is still much work to be done with this team.

“What happened is we win a few games and you think we have all the answers,” he told reporters recently. “We don’t have all the answers. This year is no different from any other. Every year brings different problems.”

Game of the week

The Pittsburgh Penguins, coming off a 4-3 win over Washington on Sunday, face another stiff test when they play at Tampa Bay on Thursday. The Lightning are chasing division-leading Boston in the Atlantic, and the Penguins trail the Capitals in the Metropolitan.

Chicago youth gets Super Bowl surprise from NFL commish, Saquon Barkley

By **TOM CANAVAN**
Associated Press

A sixth-grader from Chicago has turned a rejection from the NFL into a couple of extraordinary pieces of football memorabilia.

Danny Speski received an autographed football from New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley and a handwritten letter from NFL Commissioner Roger Good-

ell on Tuesday after Speski wrote to the league about his experience entering a Super Bowl contest.

Danny was among 18,000 entrants vying to be one of 32 children selected to run the game ball onto the field at Sunday’s game between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers. He wasn’t among the winners but decided to write to Tim Ellis, NFL chief marketing

office, detailing how the process of entering the contest helped him bond with his father, Robert.

“We talked about it every day, played Madden together, and we dreamed together because of you and the contest,” Danny wrote.

Barkley also filmed a short video for Danny, telling the middle-schooler to “keep dreaming, keep working hard and great things will

come of that.”

Goodell wrote that Danny’s memories “will last a lifetime.”

“It is clear you appreciate the important values that come from football. The lessons from football have been instrumental in my life. I wish the same for you.”

Danny plays football and is a running back, like Barkley. He says his favorite team is the Bears.

49ers lament missed chances in 31-20 Super Bowl loss to the Chiefs

By **JOSH DUBOW**
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The parade the San Francisco 49ers had hoped to be enjoying was being held a couple thousand miles away in Kansas City.

Instead of celebrating a record-tying sixth Super Bowl title that seemed so close, the Niners spent the morning Wednesday packing up their lockers, saying good-byes and wondering how what seemed to be a safe 10-point fourth-quarter lead disappeared so quickly in a 31-20 loss to the Chiefs.

“As an offense, as a team we’ve been in that situation

multiple times and we answered the bell,” quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. “It’s tough when that one time you didn’t. That’s what people will remember. It’s the world we live in. You just have to own up to it and be a man about it. It will fuel us in the offseason, fuel me in the offseason to come back better.”

A remarkable turnaround season filled with memorable moments as the 49ers (15-4) became the third team ever to make the Super Bowl following a season with four or fewer wins, ended only in disappointment.

Garoppolo and the offense fell flat in the fourth quarter, the defense couldn’t stop Pat-

rick Mahomes and the Chiefs offense and the Niners became the third team to lose a Super Bowl after leading by at least 10 points in the second half.

“It’s like watching the ‘Titanic,’” receiver Emmanuel Sanders said about watching the film. “You hope the ship don’t sink. For some reason, the ship keeps sinking over and over.”

The Niners appeared to be in great shape when they took over with a 20-10 lead and less than 12 minutes to play on an interception by Tarvarius Moore.

Garoppolo then completed a 12-yard pass on second down to George Kittle to make him 18 for 21 on the day. Garop-

olo completed only 2 of his final 10 passes, faltering down the stretch.

A missed high pass to Deebo Samuel and a false start on Joe Staley led to a punt that set up the first of Kansas City’s three fourth-quarter TDs.

That score came after Tyreek Hill got open on a 44-yard pass on third-and-15 as free safety Jimmie Ward had to guard against a big play over the middle and couldn’t get over in time to break up the pass.

“It was a right call, it was a perfect throw and a great catch,” Ward said. “Me being in the middle of the field, I really couldn’t get over. ... The only way I would have played

that better is if I would have guessed. I didn’t have any choice.”

San Francisco then went three-and-out on the next drive with Garoppolo’s second-down pass to an open Kittle over the middle getting batted down at the line by Chris Jones.

After the Chiefs took the lead, Garoppolo missed an open Sanders behind the secondary on a third-down pass from the Kansas City 49.

“At some point you have to move on from it. It sucks,” Garoppolo said. “Obviously, some throws I wish I had back, some throws I wish I made differently. The throw to E, I missed him, put a little too

much on it.”

A sack on the next play and a long TD run by Damien Williams put the game out of reach, leading to the offseason of wondering, “What if?”

“It was a collective effort,” right tackle Mike McGlinchey said. “We had multiple opportunities to finish the game as a team. We fell short of that. There’s no blame to be put on anybody.”

The Niners now look to use the disappointment as motivation but first will come the inevitable changes that happen each year in the NFL. Key players like Sanders, Ward and defensive lineman Arik Armstead are all eligible to be free agents.

Shower guest questions need for giving bride a second gift

DEAR ABBY: My niece on my husband's side was engaged to be married two years ago. There was a bridal shower, and everyone gave gifts or gift cards. Two weeks after the shower, the wedding was canceled because of the groom-to-be's infidelities. The shower gifts and gift cards were never returned nor was anyone reimbursed.

The same niece is getting married to someone else now. Another shower is being given for her. Everyone on her side of the family is invited. Are we required to give gifts again? Can we attend the shower and not give a gift? Should we all just not attend? Please help. — Already Gave Once

DEAR ALREADY GAVE: Any unopened gifts from the first shower should have been returned to the givers. Because they weren't, you are not "obligated" to give the bride another gift. However, if you plan to attend this shower, in my opinion, you should not go empty-handed.

DEAR ABBY: Last week, I was in my college's cafe, minding my own business and studying for a test. I looked toward a group of guys that hang out there and made eye contact with a guy friend I've known since preschool. He made his way to my table, sat down and we started talking about classes and what-not. Suddenly, he changed the subject and asked me if I was seeing anyone. I said no, and he blurted out that he's in love with me! He said he has loved me for a very long time, that I am perfect in his eyes, and that I'm too harsh and doubt myself. Then he said he wants me to give him a chance.

The thing is, I don't like him that way and never have. He's not the type of guy I'm attracted to. How do I go about rejecting him without losing him as a friend? — Friend Zone In Washington State

DEAR FRIEND ZONE: Tell him the truth — that you like him, too, but only as a friend, and hope he will find someone soon who can reciprocate his romantic feelings. He may not like the message, but he will respect you for your honesty and for not wasting his time.

DEAR ABBY: I have many older friends, and when we go out for lunch or dinner, all they talk about is their aches and pains and other medical stuff. I will always be their friend and support them, but sometimes it's such a downer, they even get depressed listening to each other.

What's the best way to change the conversation to happy subjects while being sensitive at the same time? — Happy Subjects Only

DEAR HAPPY: Older people sometimes dwell on their aches, pains and other medical stuff because they have little else to occupy their minds. If you are sensitive, you will listen sympathetically for a period of time, then propose you all change the subject to something more upbeat — and SUGGEST something.

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- 19 Racetrack near Miami
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- 27 Cupola
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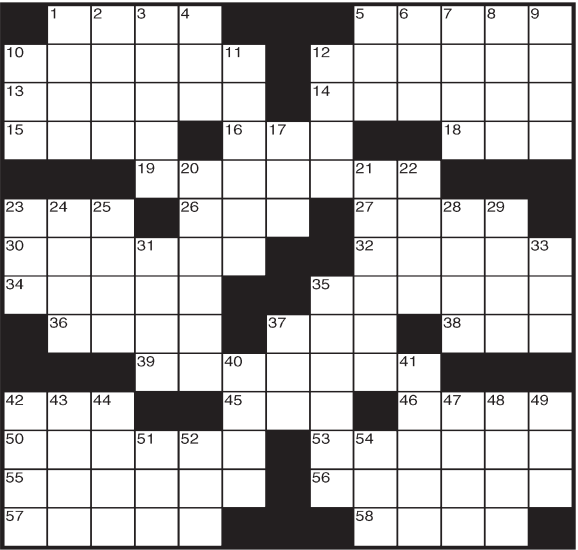
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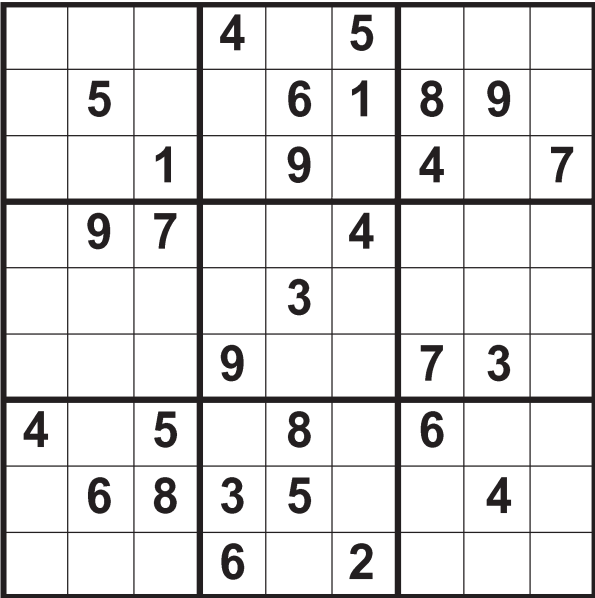
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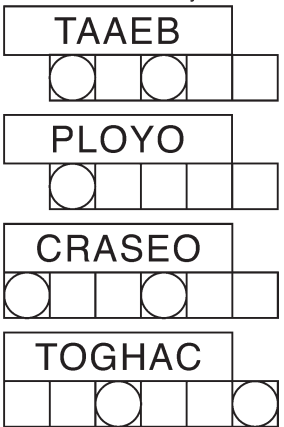
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Yesterday's Jumbles: TEMPT LOFTY POISON LAWYER

Answer: After a long day of shopping, the roommates came home — TOTALLY SPENT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



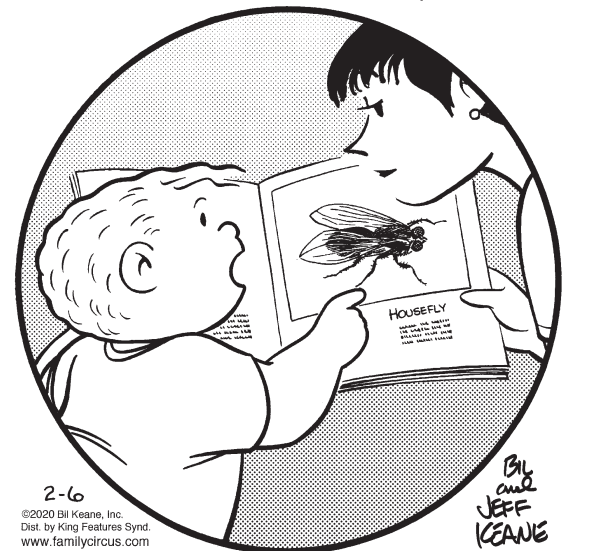
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Answers: After a long day of shopping, the roommates came home — TOTALLY SPENT

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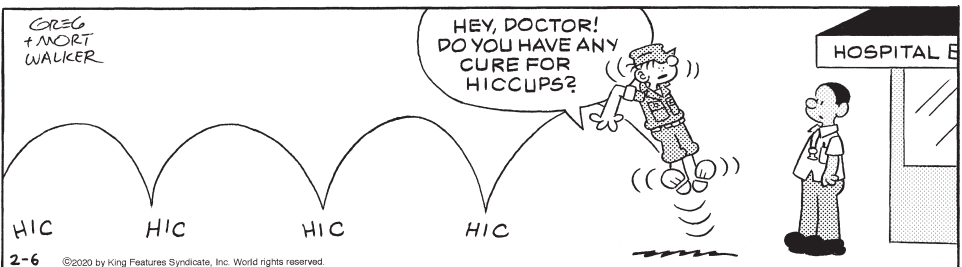
By Bil Keane



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“How did they get the fly to sit still for his picture?”

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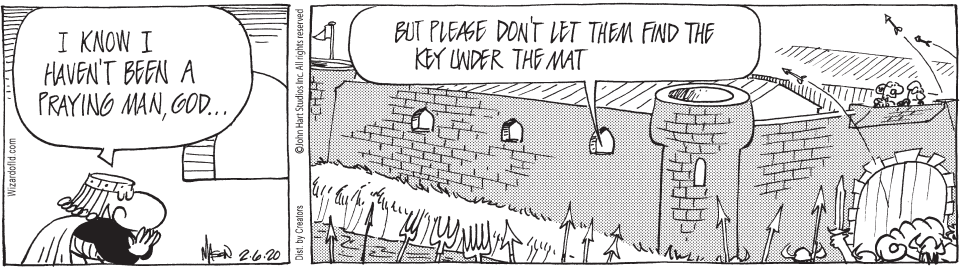
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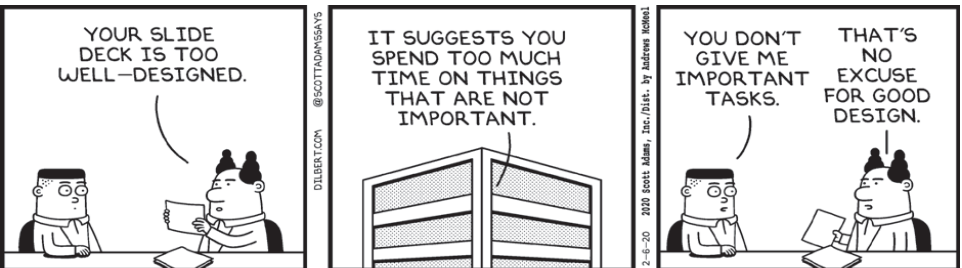
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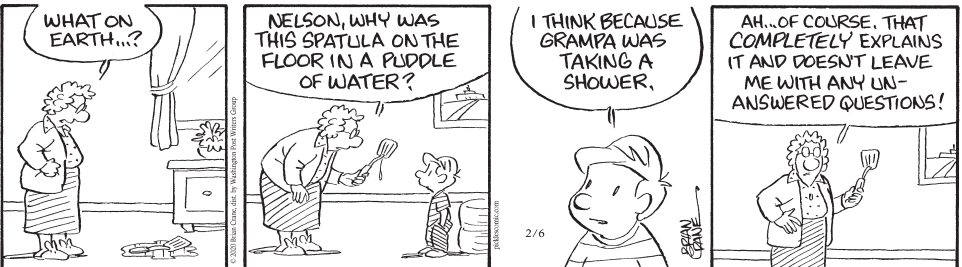
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Christians are not perfect

Q: Why does God put up with people in the church who behave less than Christian? — C.D.

A: A bumper sticker once read: “Christians are not perfect, just forgiven.” God does not ignore those who follow Him when they do wrong. The Bible tells us that He disciplines His own (Hebrews 12:7).

There are indeed people in the church who talk one way and live another. The apostle Paul wrote of this conflict (Romans 7). But it is also important to understand that many in the church are not even saved; they have never surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ, they are simply going through the motions — performing religious rituals, community efforts, social reform, and other good works. But none of this can gain anyone a right relationship with God. In thousands of churches

people are being led astray theologically, spiritually and morally and are drifting aimlessly, without compass or guide. Christians have two natures, both struggling for mastery. Which one dominates, depends on which one is fed. The Bible tells us that we are not to make provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14). It is important to be part of a church that preaches the whole counsel of God.

We must keep our eyes on Christ, and not on man. We must not let disappointment in others cut us off from God. Disappointment, when it is

harbored, often triggers other reactions: discouragement, anger, frustration, bitterness, resentment, even depression. Unless we learn to deal with disappointment, and keep our eyes on Jesus Christ, our souls will be robbed of joy, one of the many blessings that comes directly from the Father in Heaven.

We all have the capacity to disappoint others, but Christ will never disappoint us. “He who believes in [Jesus] will not be disappointed” (1 Peter 2:6, NASB).

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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E K X H Y N Y K I N .” — N Y K C W E T W V Y N V

Previous Solution: “I have been ... lucky. My first role was in a great film ('The Falling') by a woman director (Carol Morley).” — Florence Pugh

TODAY'S CLUE: 9 5 1 8 1 6 5

California may pause student fitness tests due to bullying

By CUNEYT DIL
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to pause physical education tests for students for three years due to concerns over bullying and the test discriminating against disabled and non-binary students. The move also comes after annual test results show a growing percentage of students scoring not healthy.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the Department of Finance, said the state has received complaints that the current examination’s measurement of body mass index is discriminatory to non-binary students. A measurement calculated from weight and height, BMI screenings require students to select “male” or “female,” he said.

Annual state reports of the fitness test since the 2014-2015 school year show a

steady decline in the share of students scoring healthy, according to a review by The Associated Press. Students’ scores have particularly dropped in the category of the fitness test that measures “aerobic capacity” — which can be tested in a one-mile run or by other methods. Other categories also test for flexibility and exercises like push-ups.

In the last five years, the percentage of fifth graders scoring healthy in the aerobic category has dropped by 3.3 percentage points. In seventh and ninth grades, the drops are 4.4 percentage points and 3.8 percentage points, respectively. Meanwhile, the percentage of students identified as “needing improvement” and having a “health risk” went up: by 3.3 percentage points among fifth graders, 4.4 for seventh graders and 3.8 among ninth graders.

The Department of Education did not immediately

comment on those results.

During the proposed physical fitness test program’s suspension, the state would study whether the current test should be modified or redrawn anew, Palmer said. Initiated in 1998, the school tests can include a one-mile run, push-ups and other measurements.

Physical education classes would remain a requirement for graduation, however.

The proposal, first reported by Politico, was tucked inside Newsom’s education budget bill for next year.

School districts nationwide use such tests, and the exercise can inform growing children about potential health problems, experts say. But the results from tests and BMI measurements should not be used to diagnose health risks, according to the Society of Health and Physical Educators.

“The issue of BMI screening plays a role in the is-

sues of both body shaming and bullying,” Palmer also wrote in an email.

Bodybuilder and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had several school fitness initiatives during his time in office. He said through a spokesman that physical education classes should be the top priority.

“Whether the state uses fitness tests or not, Governor Schwarzenegger believes that the most important thing is that our students have access to daily physical education classes to promote a healthy and fit lifestyle,” said Daniel Ketchell, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger.

Ketchell agreed that BMI screenings are flawed. He said, for instance, that the 6-foot-2-inch and 240-pound Schwarzenegger would have been officially classified obese when he won the top bodybuilding title of Mr. Olympia in 1974.

2 sisters killed, child hurt in shooting at Texas dormitory

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Two sisters were killed and the 2-year-old son of one was wounded in a shooting at a university dormitory in Texas that police say was an isolated event without identifying a shooter.

Texas A&M University-Commerce police said Tuesday that Deja Matts, 19, and Abbaney Matts, 20, were killed in the Monday morning shooting at Pride Rock residence hall on the campus in Commerce, about 65 miles northeast of Dallas. Abbaney Matts’ son has been released from the hospital and is in the care of family.

School officials said Deja Matts, of the Dallas suburb of Garland, was a freshman at the university pursuing a bachelor’s degree in public health. Abbaney Matts was not enrolled at the school.

Police said Tuesday that the shooting “appears to be a targeted, isolated event,” adding that authorities are continu-

ing to investigate. Following the shooting Monday, police said there appeared to be no other threats.

The university canceled classes until Thursday and said counselors are available for students.

On Tuesday, police released audio of the 911 call they received Monday morning from a student who said she’d returned to her dorm room after class and found a hole in her wall with a nick in her calendar directly across from it.

“So it looks like something was shot through the wall and hit my calendar. And the wall is like all broken apart,” she said.

She said she tried to look for an “object” that would have fallen once it hit but she couldn’t find anything.

In October, two people were killed and a dozen others injured in an off-campus shooting at a homecoming and Halloween party involving Texas A&M-Commerce students.

Ukraine: Recordings show Iran knew jetliner hit by a missile

By YURAS KARMANAU and JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A leaked recording of an exchange between an Iranian air-traffic controller and an Iranian pilot purports to show that authorities immediately knew a missile had downed a Ukrainian jetliner after takeoff from Tehran, killing all 176 people aboard, despite days of denials by the Islamic Republic.

Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy acknowledged the recording’s authenticity in a report aired by a Ukrainian television channel on Sunday night.

In Tehran on Monday, the head of the Iranian investigation team, Hassan Rezaeifar, acknowledged the recording was legitimate and said that it was handed over to Ukrainian officials.

After the Jan. 8 disaster, Iran’s civilian government maintained for days that it didn’t know the country’s paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, answerable only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had shot down the aircraft. The downing of the jetliner came just hours after the Guard launched a ballistic missile attack on Iraqi bases housing U.S. forces in retaliation for an earlier American drone strike that killed the Guard’s top general, Qassem Soleimani, in Baghdad.

A transcript of the recording, published by Ukrainian

1+1 TV channel, contains a conversation in Farsi between an air-traffic controller and a pilot reportedly flying a Fokker 100 jet for Iran’s Aseman Airlines from Iran’s southern city of Shiraz to Tehran.

“A series of lights like ... yes, it is a missile, is there something?” the pilot calls out to the controller.

“No, how many miles? Where?” the controller asks.

The pilot responds that he saw the light by the Payam airport, near where the Guard’s Tor M-1 anti-aircraft missile was launched from. The controller says nothing has been reported to them, but the pilot remains insistent.

“It is the light of a missile,” the pilot says.

“Don’t you see anything anymore?” the controller asks.

“Dear engineer, it was an explosion. We saw a very big light there, I don’t really know what it was,” the pilot responds.

The controller then tries to contract the Ukrainian jetliner, but unsuccessfully.

Publicly accessible flight-tracking radar information suggests the Aseman Airlines aircraft, flight No. 3768, was close enough to Tehran to see the blast.

Iranian civil aviation authorities for days insisted it wasn’t a missile that brought down the plane, even after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. officials began saying they believed it had been shot down.

By LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

DRANCY, France — The girls and boys in the room were just a little older than Victor Perahia was when he was finally freed in 1945, his body wracked with tuberculosis and typhus, his mind anguished by the suffering and death he had seen. After 40 years of self-imposed silence, he now returns time and again to bear witness at Drancy, the transit center from where the French government deported tens of thousands of Jews into the hands of Nazis.

“From the day of my arrest to the day of my liberation, I will tell you my story,” Perahia said. He sat with his back to the window overlooking the Drancy housing project, where he spent 21 months. It was the last place in France his father and grandfather saw before they were loaded into a train bound for the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

The students from a middle school in nearby Livry Gargan held their breaths, their eyes fixed on Perahia’s lined face.

Perahia spoke to the students last week amid a series of events to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Surveys in recent years, including one released this year, show young people in France and elsewhere in Europe increasingly question the scale of the Holocaust, although outright denial is rare.

Perahia told the students he was 9 when six German

soldiers stomped upstairs to the family apartment in the coastal town of Saint-Nazaire. They kept him hostage while his mother ran to fetch his father, who demanded to know what was happening.

“We are here for a simple identity check. You will follow us, along with your wife and your child, and in 48 hours, you will be home again,” the officer told his father.

The lie was revealed two days later. They were in a detention camp near the city of Tours when still more German officers separated men from women and children, Perahia told the teens, his voice steady.

The room fell utterly silent as he spoke.

“My father looked me deep in the eyes, as if he felt that it was going to be a difficult moment to live through. Because maybe he thought that it would be the last time that we would see each other,” Perahia paused briefly. “I’ll tell you right away, that was the last time I saw my father... Because he was deported in convoy Number 8.”

Convoy Number 8, like nearly all the convoys from Drancy, was bound for Auschwitz. The students from Livry Gargan — a town about 7 kilometers (4 miles) away — by then already had learned from their history teacher, Valérie Maloberti, that the vast majority of the 57,977 people deported from Drancy perished at the Nazi death camp.

But here before them was a

man for whom this was not history but bitter memory. He told them about the children he had known, the teens who took care of babies whose parents were deported, before they themselves were gathered up and told they would join their families. He described what they experienced, nearly minute by minute, after they arrived on the platform at Auschwitz, where German soldiers greeted them with dogs and shouts, where they were told they were going to take a shower and instead walked into a gas chamber. And where every last one of them died.

“I who knew them, I who loved these children, I always talk about them with a lot of emotion, and I talk about them freely because it feels like when I talk about them again, it brings them back to life a little,” he said.

By now, Maloberti’s students were wiping tears from red eyes, thinking of their parents, their siblings, themselves being loaded into livestock cars from the French national railway like the one they could see through the window. Perahia and his mother barely survived the Bergen Belsen labor camp and were liberated by Russian soldiers on their way to Berlin.

“When we returned home, we thought we would reconnect with the past, rediscover an identity deeply altered by three years in the camps. But no one was waiting for us. We were confronted with an incredulous society, incapable

of understanding us,” he said. “So for decades we did not speak. I personally could not speak for 40 years, not even to my family, not even to my children, who had questions that I could not answer,” he said.

Finally, he decided that he owed it to his family and to the future to speak.

In the French equivalent of ninth grade, classes spend about eight hours on World War II, which includes around two hours devoted to the Holocaust, Maloberti said. But visiting Drancy is different.

“It seems unreal to them. So there it is, it’s true, it really existed,” she said. “The numbers are there. The buildings, the documents are there. I have never had a student who denied the information once we gave it.”

But what Perahia was after was something more powerful than just teaching the truth. An atheist, he has visited Auschwitz repeatedly to intone the Jewish prayer for the dead for his father and grandfather who died there.

And for the children listening to him on this day, organized jointly by the Drancy memorial and the Jewish umbrella organization CRIF, it seemed he had succeeded in leaving something behind.

“Victor Perahia will leave a mark. That’s the thing that will leave a mark, what I will tell my family, my children, if I have any. This will surely stay with me the rest of my life,” said Iness Boubajaj-Lebreton.

Klobuchar’s claims about black teen’s case draw criticism

By ROBIN MCDOWELL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Civil rights activists and legal experts challenged Sen. Amy Klobuchar’s claims that she was unaware of questionable evidence and police tactics used to send a young black teen to prison for life when she was a top Minneapolis prosecutor.

In an interview with “Fox News Sunday,” Klobuchar denied that she had knowledge of any evidence that would call the conviction into question. But much of what The Associated Press found while investigating the case of Myon Burrell, now 33, would have been available to her office at the time.

Burrell was accused of firing the gun the killed 11-year-old Tyesha Edwards in 2002 while she was doing homework at her dining room table in south Minneapolis.

Klobuchar, who was Hennepin County attorney at the time, has raised the case throughout her political career as an example of how

she helped find justice for victims of violence.

“I didn’t know about this new evidence until I saw the report,” Klobuchar told Fox host Chris Wallace when asked about allegations the teen may have been wrongfully convicted. “I couldn’t have. I haven’t been in the office for 12 years.”

As she and other hopefuls entered the Iowa Democratic caucuses, Klobuchar said any new evidence should be brought forward and considered immediately by the courts.

Klobuchar has trailed the top tier of candidates in Iowa, but she is hoping to exceed expectations by touting her moderate record and ability to win in Republican-heavy areas.

The AP offered repeatedly to meet with Klobuchar to discuss the Burrell case, but she declined.

What her office would have known at the time of Burrell’s first trial in 2003:

- The case hinged on a single eyewitness — a teen rival of Burrell’s who gave conflicting accounts of what he saw.

- No gun, fingerprints or hard evidence linked Burrell to the crime.
- Police video showed the lead homicide detective offering informants cash for information — even if it was hearsay.
- Burrell’s co-defendants said he was not even at the scene.
- The getaway driver gave a physical description and the first name of a suspect, but police did not follow up.
- Alibis mentioned by Burrell in his interrogation were not questioned by police.
- Officers did not pull a convenience store surveillance tape that Burrell said would have cleared him.

Rebecca Kavanagh, a New York-based criminal defense attorney and legal analyst, said Monday the AP did not uncover new evidence that exonerates Myon Burrell.

“Rather, it exposed how the very evidence that Amy Klobuchar used to convict him was tainted and that her office ignored overwhelming evidence of his innocence,” she said.

Several prosecutors in the

Hennepin County office during Klobuchar’s tenure from 1998 to 2006, including two who handled Burrell’s 2003 and 2008 trials, at times were accused of racism and fear-mongering during opening or closing arguments in cases involving minority defendants.

That included asking mostly white jurors to consider “the type of people” they were facing when talking about the credibility of the accused or their alibis, according to defense attorneys and appellate opinions citing prosecutorial misconduct.

There is no evidence that prosecutors made such statements in Burrell’s case. But some legal experts said the comments call into question minority defendants’ ability to get a fair trial.

The Hennepin County Attorney’s Office declined Monday to comment on the accusations.

Even if Klobuchar was not familiar with every detail of the case, “what can she say about tolerating prosecutors who routinely described black and inner city as morally inferior to white and

suburban?” asked Michael Friedman, executive director of the Legal Rights Center in Minneapolis.

Klobuchar told Fox she was not involved with the second trial in 2008, which relied heavily on jailhouse informants, some of whom have since recanted. However, her office was working hand-in-hand with police in the leadup to the second trial, the AP found. Klobuchar also told Wallace she worked with the Innocence Project, which reviews past cases.

The case against Burrell renews focus on law enforcement and policy in the 1990s and 2000s, when black and Hispanic communities were decimated by the war on drugs and the now-discredited “super-predator” theory.

Democrats joined Republicans in imposing harsher policing and tougher sentencing, leading to the highest incarceration rates in the nation’s history, and some presidential candidates are having to address perceived excesses of that period.

The president of the national NAACP said over the weekend that Burrell’s

conviction points to a bigger problem: the eagerness of America’s criminal justice system to put young black men behind bars.

“We’ve seen this happen one too many times,” Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP, said in a statement.

“It is unfortunate and extremely troubling that Myon Burrell has spent the majority of his life behind bars. The lack of evidence and conflicting accounts of what transpired was reason enough for him to not be charged or convicted,” Johnson said.

Even before the AP story, Klobuchar was struggling to win over black voters, who are a crucial voting block in Democratic Party.

On the eve of the Iowa caucus, she told Fox her agenda speaks to the African American community.

“It’s about economic opportunity, it’s about voting rights ... that’s on me and I will keep crisscrossing the country, making my case to the African-American community as I’ve done here in Iowa.”

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